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Harassment policy updated

Definition emphasizes respect, dignity, consequences

BY LEAH KAUFMAN AND JULIE REDLINE
Staff Reporters

As the Board of Education considers a district policy on harassment, the high school has launched its own effort to curb harassment.

The board policy, mandated for all schools by a Supreme Court decision, was presented for the first time at the Sept. 8 board meeting. Because every proposal requires three readings, the district-wide document will not be adopted until December.

However, the high school policy, which was distributed to teachers at the opening faculty meeting with directions to post in classrooms, went into effect on the first day of school.

The language in both the high school and district policies is similar and the intent the same – to create safer learning environments. A district policy will bear the force of law and will apply to the entire district once passed, according to Peggy Caldwell, director of communications.

Due to the new high school policy, administrators expect that more cases of harassment within the school will be reported. The high school document states "Anyone who feels he/she is a victim of harassment should bring the matter to the immediate attention of an appropriate school official."

Though the consequences for violators are not clearly spelled out, they may include suspension or expulsion of a student and possible police involvement. Each specific case will be individually evaluated. Previously, harassment was listed briefly in the Student Handbook of Rights and Responsibilities as an offense that could result in suspension or expulsion.

"It's only fair," said junior Jamil Jones. "You can't harass people and get away with it."

The high school policy defines harassment as conduct that is "annoying, bothersome, or physically and or emotionally injurious."

At the beginning of the school year, every teacher in the high school was instructed to post the policy in their classrooms and to read it to classes. In one case, a student reported that the teacher had treated it as a joke. Another teacher made a comment about it only affecting women. Other teachers expressed confusion about when and how they were supposed to present the policy to students.

Despite the policy's inconsistent introduction, students seem to be positive about the new policy, though skeptical that it will change much of anything.

"It's OK to have [a policy] because there's a lot of [harassment] going on, and a lot goes unreported," said junior Dashi Singham.

Although the high school adopted the policy in an effort to create and atmosphere of "dignity and respect," some believe there won't be a significant change in reports of harassment.

"It could be helpful to some people . . . but in a lot of cases, people will cry wolf about anything," sophomore Lauren Tatum said.

According to Dr. Rosemary Weltman, assistant to the superintendent, the new harassment policy is a direct response to a recent Supreme Court ruling. *The Supreme Court has stated that every institution must comply with the following; have a policy addressing sexual harassment posted, designate a person within the institution to listen to complaints of sexual harassment, and properly deal with allegations.*

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES, OLD AND NEW

HARASSMENT POLICY FROM "RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES HANDBOOK"

-Students shall not harass any members of the school staff or student body on the basis of sex, color, race, national origin, religion, age, disability, status as Vietnam-era veteran or special disabled veteran.

-For the purpose of this student code of conduct, "harass" includes, but is not limited to, intimidate, insult, annoy persistently or otherwise abuse, physically, orally or in writing.

UPDATED HARASSMENT POLICY

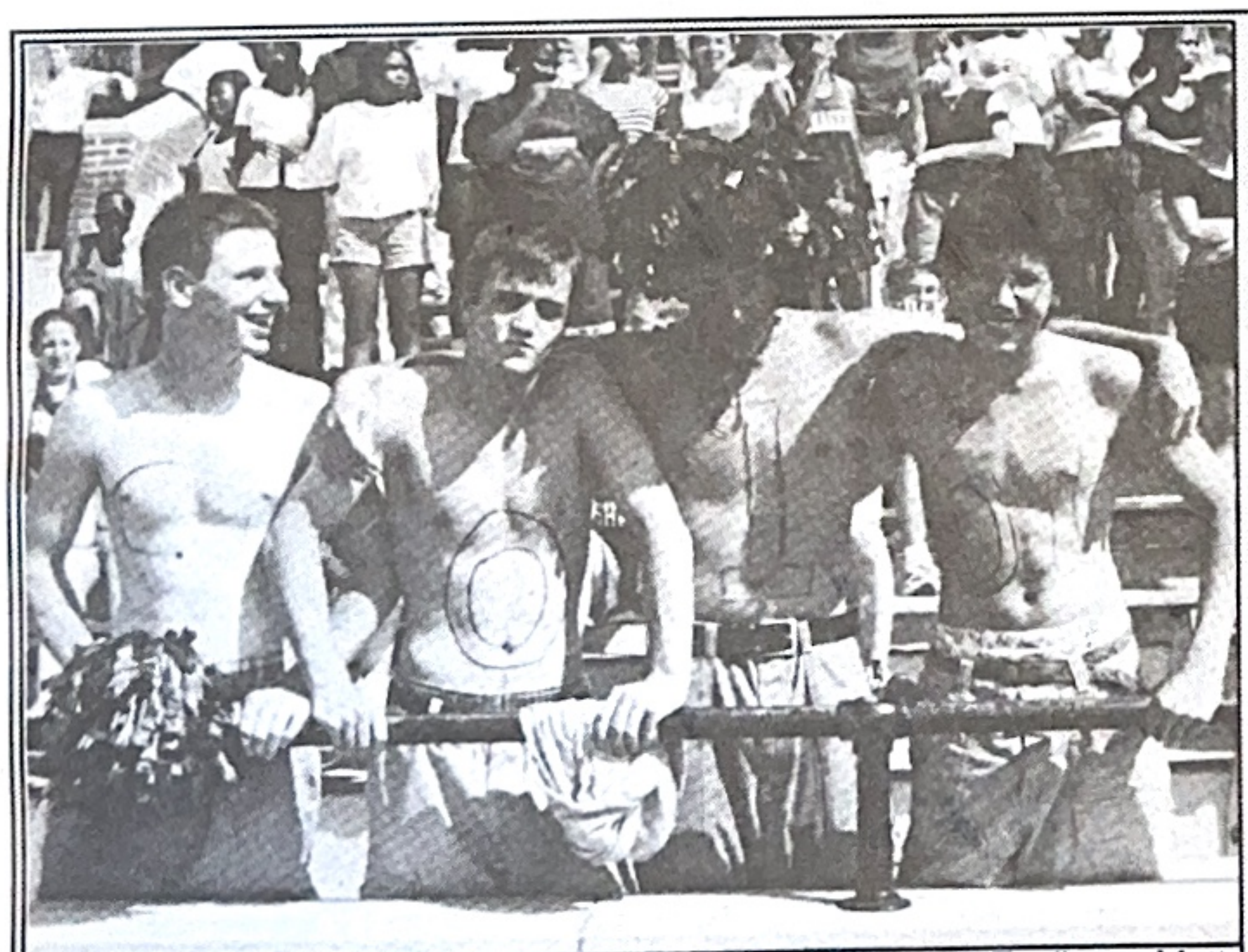
-All members of the Shaker Heights High School Community – faculty, staff, students – are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect and are entitled to freedom from *any kind* of personal harassment. No form of harassment will be tolerated whether related to race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, language, religion, physical appearance, physical or mental capacity.

-Harassment is defined as unwelcome, harmful behavior towards another person because the behavior is annoying, bothersome, or physically and/or emotionally injurious.

-Forms of harassment can include verbal and or written remarks, symbols, caricatures, physical contact, gestures, innuendo, gossip, phone calls, etc. The important point is that a victim of harassment feels uncomfortable, intimidated, or physically or emotionally hurt as a result of someone else's behavior, regardless of intent.

-The penalties associated with harassment may include an evaluation of the harasser, suspension or expulsion, and possible police/court involvement.

-Any one who feels he/she is a victim of harassment should bring the matter to the immediate attention of an appropriate school official.



THE FULL MONTY. Members of the class of '01, Matt Faulkner, Matt Schieman, Bryan Taubman and Andy Geronimo show off their school spirit as well as their physiques. *Shakerite photo by Suzanne Schwarz*

Student-sponsored pep rally raises spirit

PUMP IT UP SHAKER. Senior Dionna Bailey rallies the Raiders.
Shakerite photo by Becca Wujek

BY ALI POLLOCK
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Fall sports teams and foreign exchange students were featured at the second annual Student Council-sponsored pep rally Sept. 4 at Russell H. Rupp Stadium.

The pep rally's goal was to welcome Shaker students to a new year and to demonstrate Student Council's involvement in the school. Seniors Landon Lockhart and Margot Russo, president and vice president of Student Council respectively, coordinated the totally student-run event.

The rally began with introductions of the foreign exchange students, many of whom hail from locales new to the Shaker exchange. Following the introductions, sports teams stormed the field behind banners. The band, Raiderettes and cheerleaders also performed.

The culminating event was a competition among classes. Students voted for the most spirited people in their class. Four of the top 10 nominees were then chosen to represent their class in a wheelbarrow race and relay race.

Students in the stands cheered on their classmates and watched the seniors claim victory for the second consecutive year.

"I thought student council did as good a job as they could do. But our school is way too rowdy, so I say forget organization, and let us all go buck wild," junior, Jeff Rosenberg said.

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New Sports Hotline Number

Shaker Sports Booster Club has a new hotline number. It will offer accurate and up-to-date information on Shaker teams.

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Front driveway, entrance garner approval from students, residents

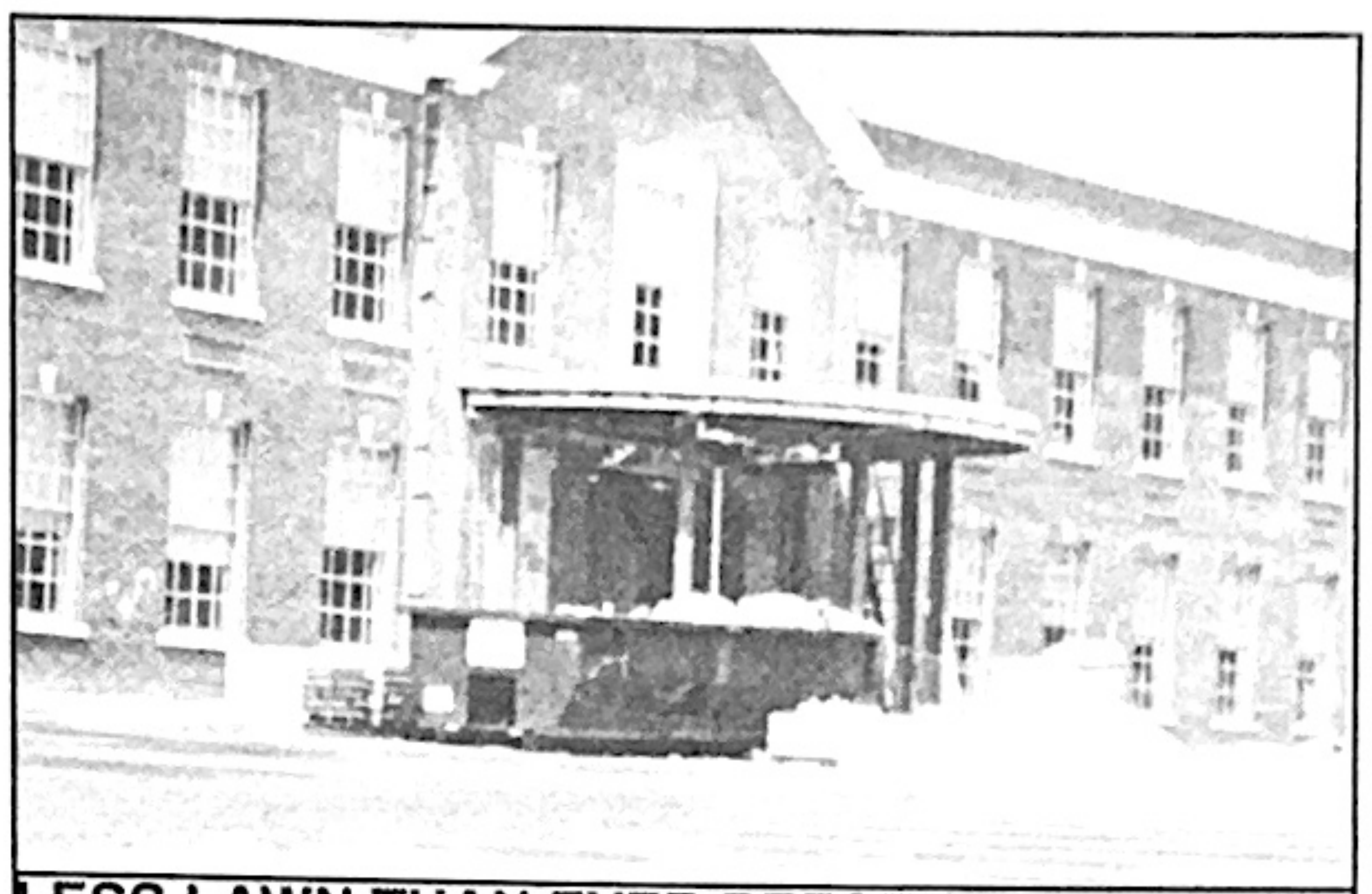
BY JENNY HEISLER
News-Co-Editor

Ground was broken on the front lawn this summer, adding a parking lot, driveway and front entrance.

The addition brings 59 new parking spaces, a definitive front entrance including extensive landscaping, and a one-way driveway. Originally, plans called for a two-way driveway, but safety conerns forced administrators to compromise with residents.

"We did compromise," Executive Director of Business and Personnel Carlton Moody said. "It is one-way now, and [the driveway] still complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)."

Meeting ADA standards meant building a handicap-accessible driveway and entrance. Moody was present to greet the first handicapped user of the new driveway on the first day of school.



LESS LAWN THAN EVER BEFORE. Ground was broken on the front lawn over the summer.

Shakerite photo by Robbie Markt

Currently, the front entrance is still under construction, and the promised landscaping, including shrubbery that will conceal much of the parking lot, has yet to be put in. By early October the whole project will be completed. Landscapers decided it was best to wait until consistent rainfall and cooler weather return before planting the brush.

Onaway resident Scott Sutorius said that most are still waiting to see the landscaping before making a final critique of the addition.

Residents were also concerned with the loss of field hockey and recreational space. More than half of the lawn was used for the driveway, leaving only 140 feet of lawn space for recreational fun.

"Of course, I'd prefer green lawn over paved lawn, but it did not destroy as much of the lawn as expected," Aldersyde resident David Ludwick said. "I just worry now that there's still not enough parking so they'll need even more."

When ground breaks for the north gym renovations, the north parking lot will lose 20 spaces. Overall 39 spaces for teachers will have been added.

Also, the field hockey team now plays at the newly restored front field at Woodbury. Despite traveling the extra couple of minutes to the field, leaving behind the front lawn at the high school didn't make many waves with the players or the coach.

"I really liked the front field," senior two-year letterman Gillie Boyd said, "but I can deal with this one."

"This one is regulation size," physical education department head and field hockey coach Linda Betley said. "The front field was smaller."

Up until and even after the plans were approved last May, area residents complained about the project. However, since the ground-breaking of the driveway, citizens seem fairly happy with the outcome.

"It's a positive thing for the school," Sutorius said.

Ohio law cancels Shaker driver's education class

BY MEGHAN DUBYAK AND KAREN JENKS
Staff Reporters

For the first time since 1968, the high school will not offer driver's education due to changes in Ohio legislation for license requirements.

Students will now arrange driver's instruction on their own, but the school will continue to reimburse students $50 for the cost of their class.

A new state law enacted last year over halued the age and driving hour requirements for new drivers.

"With the new law, there are additional responsibilities, time scheduling and cost. Because of these reasons, driver's education was canceled," curriculum director Jim Paces said.

The new law requires 50 hours of driving with an adult, 10 of which must occur at night. It also increased the hours required with a driving instructor.

Michael Murphy had been the instructor of the driving class since 1979. He cited the cost of the extra hours as reason for the change.

"The key to the cancellation was money. Because of the extra two hours of in-car instruction the price had to go up," he said.

Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh added another reason to the cancellation.

"Only 50 percent of Shaker students took driver's ed at the school. The rest took it privately," Rumbaugh said.

The lack of a school-funded driving class will have a varied effect on students.

"The cost of a private driving school is around $200. The school's cost was only $50," Murphy said.

Junior Dashi Singham hoped to take driving through the high school.

"It's more convenient because it's at the school. It's also a lot cheaper," Singham said.

NEWS BRIEFS

New club aims to enhance knowledge of international diversity

There will be a new addition to the numerous clubs at Shaker this year. The multicultural club will focus on experiencing and learning about cultures of the world.

"We want to enjoy cultures from all over the world. We mostly want to have fun and experience new things," senior Ankita Singh, who heads the club, said.

Some of the possible events are a food fair, dance lessons and nights out on the town to experience different cultures' cuisine in Cleveland. Other possible features are guest speakers, poetry readings and visits to the Cleveland Museum of Art.

"Unlike other clubs, we focus on many cultures instead of just one to get a broader view," Singh said.

If interested, contact Ankita Singh, junior Laura Chassaigne or the club's adviser, Michele Feitler.

-Megan Kortemeyer

State law requires another credit for freshmen

The class of 2002 can add another credit to the 20 already needed to graduate from Shaker. The freshmen now need 21 credits, surpassing the current requirement for the sophomore, junior and senior classes.

"I had heard about this policy [of needing 21 credits instead of 20] before and I don't think it is really a big deal that we need more than the other classes," freshman Catherine Hassel said.

The 21 credit requirement is a new state law which has just gone into effect this year.

"Most students who graduate from Shaker already have more credits than necessary so an additional one will not be that much of a problem," ninth-grade assistant principal Ovella Roulette-McIntyre said.

Freshmen seem to agree.

"Shaker is just trying to get their students better prepared. I don't think it's that much of a problem," freshman Kelly Murphy said.

Twenty-one credits will be the standard for awhile.

"As long as the state doesn't make another law requiring more credits, the number needed to graduate from Shaker shouldn't go up again," McIntyre said.

-Megan Kortemeyer

JCWA changes advisors

A long standing club at Shaker is under new leadership this year, replacing long time advisers Dennis Hogue and Mike Kabay.

This year's new leader is Daniel Harris, a social studies' teacher.

"I am really not planning on changing anything this year," Harris said. "Since the students do such a good job, it's really their club, and my job is minimal."

Last year's advisers have their own reasons for resigning. Kabay will be going to Cleveland State University to take courses for his tenure and his masters degree.

Hogue and Kabay feel like it's someone else's turn to head the club.

"Both the Social Studies department and Dr. A. Jack Rumbaugh believed the club belonged in their hands," Hogue said.

"We both had our time with this club," Kabay said.

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Did somebody say McDonald's?

Decision about possible Shaker restaurant remains on hold

BY MEGAN KORTEMEYER
News-Co-Editor

While much of the controversy surrounding the possible arrival of a McDonald's has died down, the current situation has many wondering if the Golden Arches will ever shine in Shaker.

"The way I see it, the McDonald's situation is currently on hold. The mayor made a public statement at the last town meeting saying that the city is not accepting any more proposals at the moment," said Helen Sheehan, who has organized citizen opposition to the proposed McDonald's.

The McDonald's would be located at Shaker Towne Centre. While the city looked for other restaurants such as Yours Truly and Applebee's, those options were soon exhausted. According to Mayor Mearns, the McDonald's corporation first came to the city five years ago with the idea of putting a restaurant here.

Almost immediately the idea was met with strong antagonism. Sheehan formed and headed the group, Concerned Citizens for Residential Development.

"I wasn't suprised by the strong community backing our group received. I was more suprised that the mayor discounted us so quickly," Sheehan said.

Students are also divided over the issue of McDonald's.

"I don't even like McDonald's so I really don't want them to come to Shaker," sophomore Kelli Kelly said.

Junior Samar Oden disagrees, saying that a McDonald's would be convenient to the community.

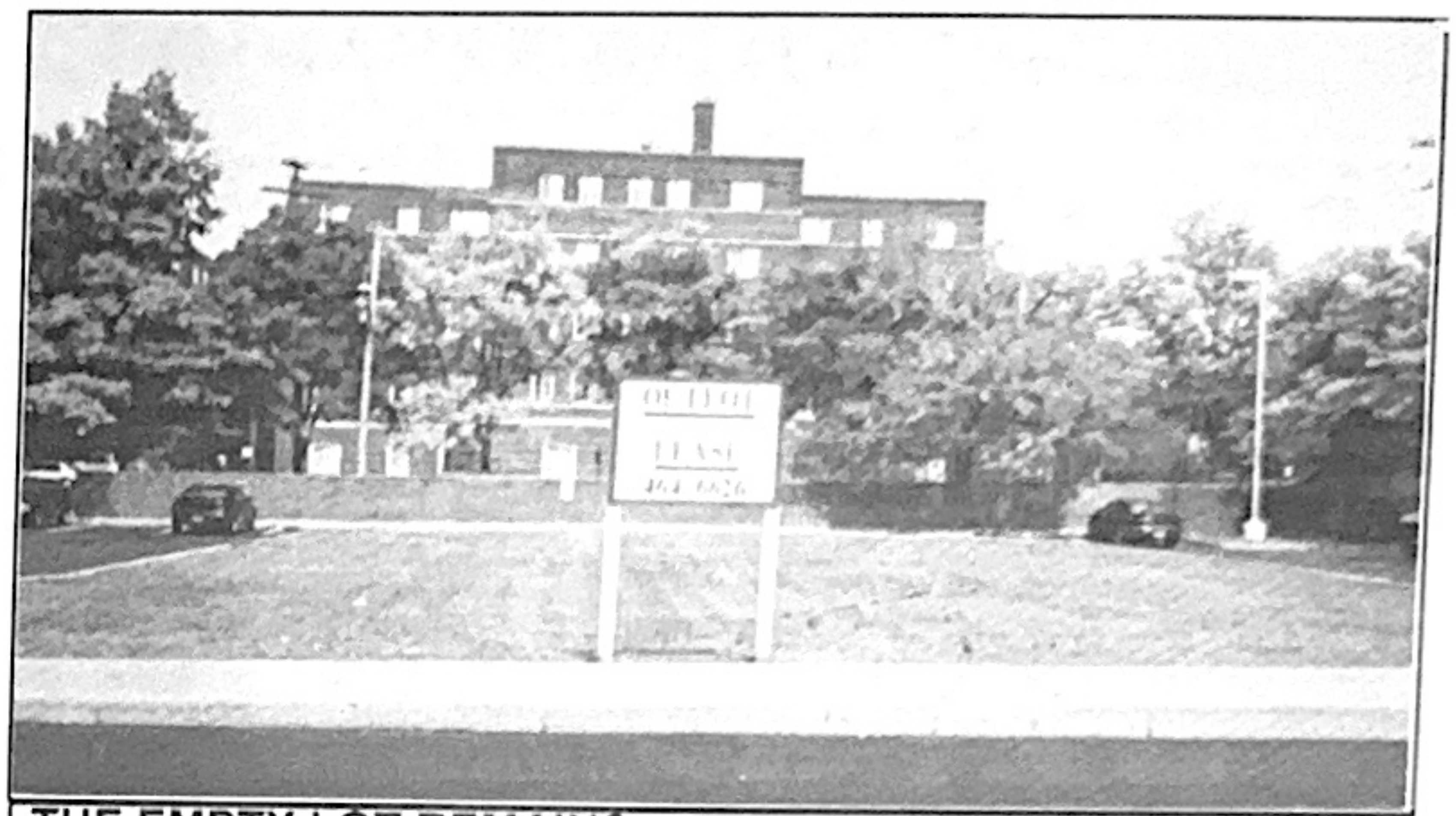
"I think it would be a good idea for them to come because I go there a lot and it would be much easier for me to get there if they came here. I really don't understand why people are making such a big deal over this," Oden said.

McDonald's original plan was to submit a proposal for the restaurant this past summer and open by December 1998. This is not going to happen

Sheehan feels the group of concerned citizens had a significant impact on the decision to postpone McDonald's.

"I feel our group was an important factor in the decision to postpone the developments for McDonald's but the League of Women voters, other Shaker residents who signed petitions and Judy Rawson, a city council member, helped our cause a lot," Sheehan said.

Some students feel having a McDonald's here would ruin the atmosphere in Shaker.



THE EMPTY LOT REMAINS. So far the plans for a possible Shaker restaurant remain postponed.

Shakerite photo by Nikkie Majorczyk

"Shaker doesn't have many fast-food restaurants and I think that is good," junior Sayaka Fujioka said. "In some cities that is all you see and since Shaker doesn't have many [fast-food chains] that makes it different."

Several of the reasons citizens did not want a McDonald's in Shaker were crime, traffic, pollution and loitering by teenagers. Loitering in the past has been a problem at the Shaker Main Library and Walgreen's as well as certain places in Shaker Towne Centre.

Residents around McDonald's proposed site were also concerned that their property value would decrease because of the restaurant.

Another controversy is that restaurants in Shaker Towne Centre cannot have a drive-thru. McDonald's says it will cooperate with most changes the city requests, but that a drive-thru would be necessary.

Understanding the topsy-turvy Dow Jones

BY HYO BAE
Staff Reporter

In light of fluctuations in the stock markets throughout the world, the *Shakerite* asked economics teacher Diana Jones to explain.

The stock market has been at a low point recently. What does that mean exactly?

"Recently there has been more buying than selling. The concerns of shareholders [are causing them to sell their shares quickly]."

What is the cause of this decline in stocks?

"[Our economic problems] are linked to other countries. Economic problems in Asia and Japan have affected our economy. We don't make our decisions independently. A lot of investments were doing very well, but many banks lent out money to risky ventures and so they went bankrupt."

Are these drops compared to others in history?

"Drops in the stock market are measured in percent of value. Yesterday's (Sept.1) drop was 4 percent, but it hasn't gotten as low as the stock market crash."

Are we in any danger of a depression of some sort?

"Not really. There are lots of safeguards the government puts in. They can create funding."

How long do you predict this will go on?

"I don't see it resolving itself until past the school year. Stocks will probably go up and down in between then."

How will it affect the people of this country?

"People with money invested in a stock and people with pension accounts [will lose money]. Some people will lose jobs too."

Can you give me a quick overview of the stock market?

"What it really is, is buying and selling ownership in companies. A share entitles you to a piece of the company. If a company went bankrupt and it was sold, what would be left would be divided between shareholders."

How would an interested student learn about the stock market?

"They are welcome to take a course in comparative economics and we have had in the past a stock market club. Anyone can come by and talk to me as well as search on the internet."

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Gay/straight alliance hopes to make school safer for students

BY RACHEL HUTT
Staff Reporter

The creation of a gay/straight alliance was met with administrative support and mixed reactions from students.

The four leaders are English teachers Christie Bott and Cathy Lawlor, art teacher James Hoffman and Natalie Sekicky, journalism teacher and adviser of the *Shakerite* and *Gristmill*. The four began the project last spring in response to student requests and a PA announcement containing homophobic language.

According to the sponsors, the alliance is primarily an educational group designed to create a safe space for students to discuss issues that confront gay and lesbian students and their allies. The group has been endorsed by Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh and by the board of education.

Many students feel that a gay/straight alliance is welcome.

"It is a very good idea because there are too many misconceptions and prejudices about gay people," sophomore Julie Smolinski said.

Junior Aaron Dibner-Dunlap agrees with Smolinski. "I think it's great and it's about time Shaker has one," he said.

Junior Erin Sudow was more reserved about the issue. She said that before forming an opinion she would wait to see exactly what the alliance becomes and what it does.

Although the students who spoke out about the gay/straight alliance were mainly supportive, there is evidence that some people were not.

During the first week of school, the four teachers posted half-sheet signs announcing the new club. Many of these signs were ripped down, presumably by angered students. However, students were not the only ones opposed to the issue. According to Rumbaugh, three parents have called to complain about the group and a few students have come to him with signs in hand, asking if the organization was real.

The idea for the new alliance came last spring. Tolerance of everyone regardless of sexual orientation has always been important to Lawlor, but a particular incident made her and the other teachers, realize the necessity for the group.

Sekicky explained that a student made an announcement over the PA encouraging other students to attend a sports event. He used a derogatory term generally associated with homosexuality to refer to the other team. Around the same time, some students approached Hoffman about the possibility of forming a gay/straight alliance.

The teachers hope to eventually have the alliance be primarily student-run.

One of the group's main objectives is to educate people about rumors and stories that surround homosexuality.

"[Our objective is] to educate everybody about the facts that surround sexuality and debunk myths," Sekicky said.

They are hoping to show films and bring in speakers in an effort to create awareness among students and teachers.

Another intention is to let students know that it is OK to be who they are.

"The whole goal is we want kids to feel safe in school," Lawlor said.

Historic market closes after 50 years

BY JENNY HEISLER
News Co-Editor

More than 50 years after the store opened on Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Market is closing up shop.

The Market is closing in part because of renovations that have been extended longer than expected.

"Restoration of the building has been going on for more than three years now," manager Heather Gyekenyesi said. "It hurt a lot of walk-through business."

Repair of the parking lot put the store on hold much longer than expected because of inefficiencies by the construction firm. The lot was redone because of incorrect elevation and drainage.

"They dug it out and resurfaced it and it put a major damper on business," Gyekenyesi said.

"The store basically said 'We can't survive through all of this," Almar resident Jamie Craig said.

Also, since major grocery stores began opening on Sundays and staying open after 6 p.m., it's been hard to compete.

"Big stores have taken away part of the business," Gyekenyesi said. "Until 10 years ago, little stores like this were the only things that were open on Sundays, and that's where people had to go to get their groceries."

Her family has handled store business since 1975, and management is now in the hands of Gyekenyesi and her father, Andy. For the 20 years the family has been in the business, neighbors remember it as a great place to go.

"It was kind of a nice thing to have," Almar resident and sophomore Amy Gross said. "It's disappointing [that it's leaving] because it's been there for so long."

"I've had a charge account there forever. When I was in prep school, I used to call and the store would send me care packages," Craig said.

Since the building was built in 1931, Shaker Market and the barber shop, renamed Sgro Joe's Men's Hair Styling Salon, are the only two remaining stores.

"We've been here for such a long time," barber shop owner Joe Sgro said. "There's a lot of competition though, and that's tough to handle."

Since Shaker Market filed for bankruptcy last January, they have begun selling their items up to 50 percent off in an effort to get rid of things as soon as possible. They are selling everything from gum and tomato paste to cutlery equipment and light fixtures.

"People from the inner city have come in to buy things," Craig said. "I bought $300 worth of groceries at 50 percent off."

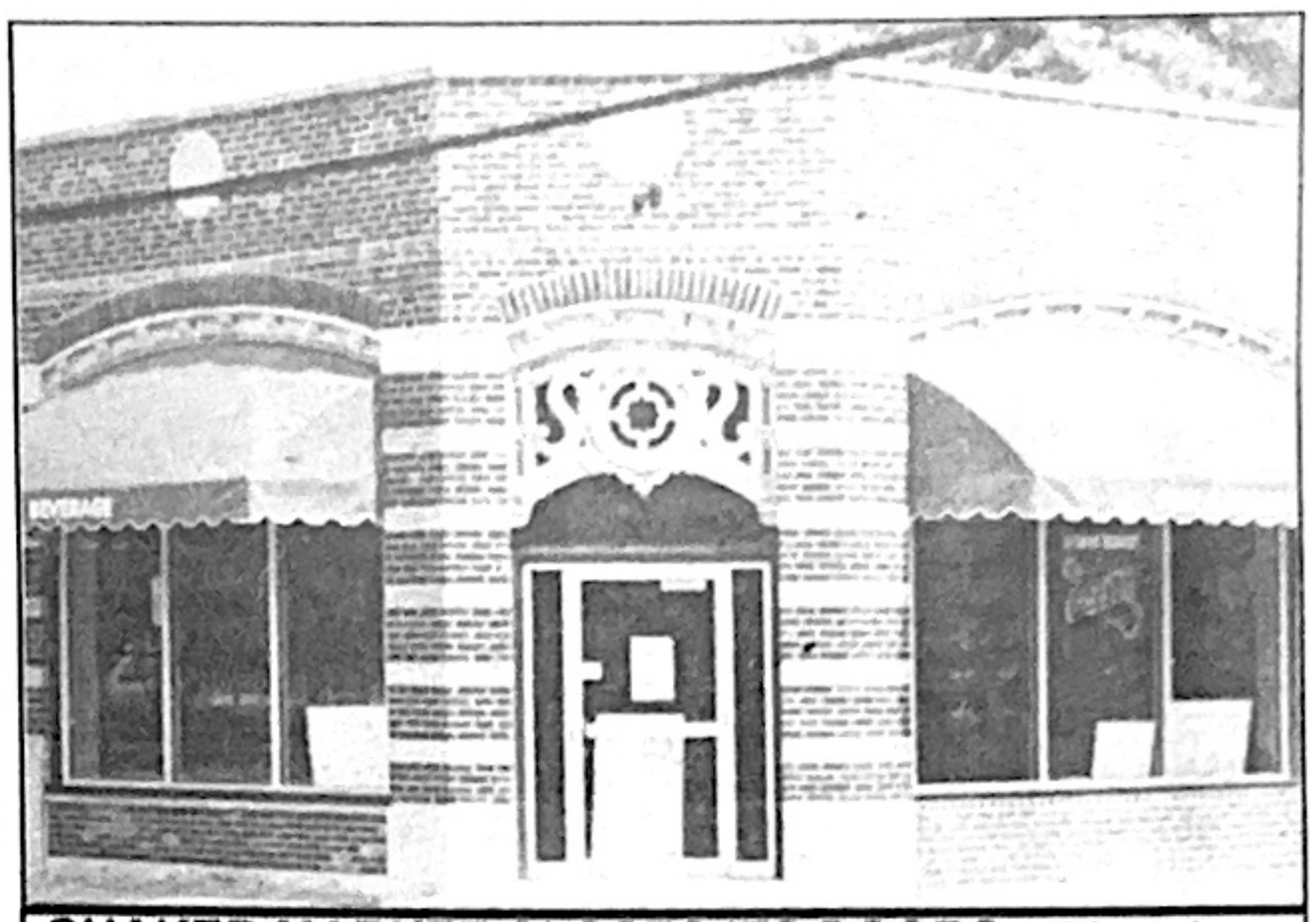
"We're selling all of our basic liquidation," Gyekenyesi said.

According to Gyekenyesi, since the store was put on the market not many buyers have become seriously interested. She feels one reason is because of Shaker's regulations on commercial advertisement.

"Shaker is very uptight about signs being a certain height and other things like that," Gyekenyesi said. "It's hard to get people interested in a store at this location with those type of restrictions."

Sgro is optimistic that a store similar to the Market will move into the place.

"It's a shame that they're leaving," he said, "but I won't be surprised at all if another [small grocery store] comes in here."



SHAKER MARKET CLOSES ITS DOORS. Fifty- plus years after opening, Shaker Market will go out of business.

Shakerite photo by Robbie Markt

Shaker alliance evident in campaign for Governor

BY NAJAH FARLEY
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Following in the footsteps of many Shaker candidates for major public office Lee Fisher is running for governor of the state of Ohio.

Lee Fisher is in the company of many other Shaker residents in pursuit of political position including, Rev. Marvin McMickle and Congressman Louis Stokes.

Fisher is well known throughout Shaker Heights and the Ohio political scene as the former attorney general and state senator. His family is also no stranger to the political scene, especially his son Jason, who is a freshman.

"Ever since I was a boy I was used to him running for something because he ran for state senator, attorney general and state house representive, so I was used to it. I knew it wasn't going to be long before he ran for something else because that's what he loves to do," Jason said.

According to Peggy Fisher, Lee Fisher's wife, the gubernatorial campaign has had a positive effect on the Fisher family.

"This campaign has affected our family in a positive way because we all have to make choices in our social lives. Our children make choices between whether or not to play or go campaigning, and often times its hard," Peggy Fisher said.

Lee Fisher makes it a point to include the family in every step of running for public office.

"Every time I run for office I include my family in the campaign. The most important thing in my life is spending time with Peggy, Jason and Jessica," Fisher said.

Jason has been a part of all of his father's campaigns, and doesn't rule out a campaign of his own someday.

"I'm interested in what he does, but everyday is different. Right now he just campaigns. It's a lot of work but politics is still an option," Jason said.

According to him, one disadvantage to the governor's race is that if his father wins, the Fisher family will have to move to Columbus.

"I really like Shaker and wouldn't want to move, but I'd rather have him win and move than lose and stay here," he said.

Shaker has had an even more positive effect on Fisher as an alumnus of the high school.

"In 1968, I worked for Congressman Charles Vanik as his Shaker Heights High School co-ordinator," Fisher said. This experience made me realize that you can make a difference by working hard for the things you believe in."

The quality of the schools is also an integral part of his gubernatorial campaign.

"The main reason I'm running for governor is to reach out to the next generation of young men and women," Fisher said. "That starts with making sure the state allows every child to get a high quality education," he said.

Congressman Louis Stokes joined gubernatorial candidate Lee Fisher and formed an alliance to support Fisher's campaign for governor.

"I was a student in high school when Congressman Stokes was first elected. He has always been a hero and a role model to me. It is a wonderful honor to be running for governor with his support," Fisher said. "He always stood up for everyday families and children in the halls of Congress which is what I want to do as governor," he said.

According to Congressman Stokes, the decision to support Fisher was a simple one.

"Lee is a democrat and he is someone I've known for many years. I think he's committed to the same principles I believe in. He is an opponent of segregation, discrimination and racism. As I analyzed the other candidates I think he stands head and shoulders above the others," Stokes said.

Another factor in Stokes' decision to support the Fisher campaign was his running mate, Michael Coleman.

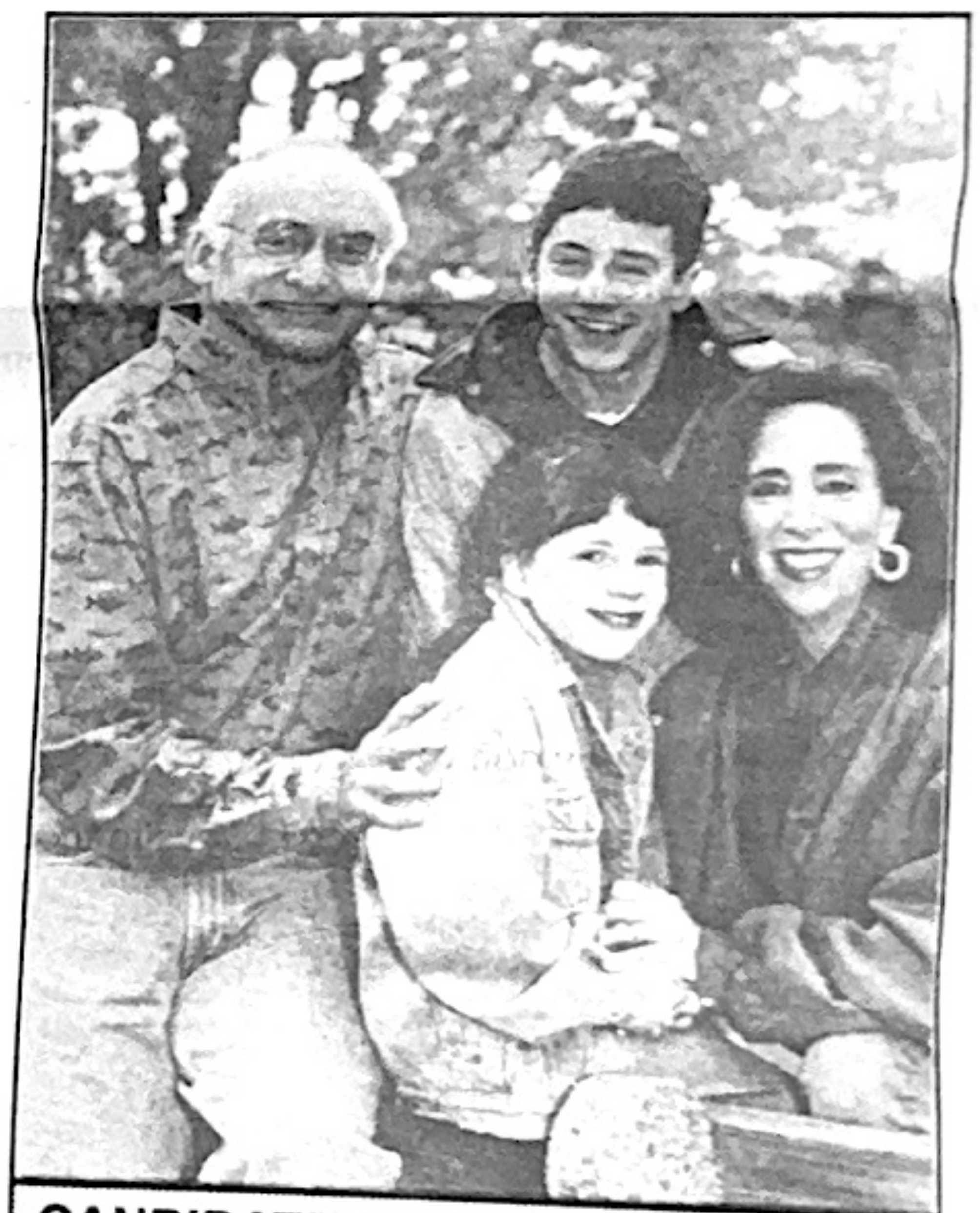
"Lee Fisher has an African American on the ticket. If they win he will be the second highest ranking official in the state. I'm the one who's been urging the Ohio Democratic Party to look for more qualified minorities to run for public office," Stokes said.

The issue of student involvement is part of both Congressman Stokes and Lee Fisher's message to students.

"All of my campaigns I've had students working on every part of them. It is an enriching experience for any young person to become a part of the political process and learn the nature of politics and discover the means to give back." Stokes said.

Lee Fisher agreed.

"Students are still interested in politics but, it is up to the candidates to motivate the students to get involved. I would very much like to have more students involved in the campaign. Anyone interested in volunteering on the campaign should call the office at 491-0490 so they can volunteer after school and on the weekends."



CANDIDATE'S FAMILY. Lee Fisher looks ahead to elections with wife Peggy and children Jason and Jessica.

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Deeper Thoughts

By Justin and Anahid

You are on a walk, enjoying the beautiful outdoors when you see a squirrel. You stare at that squirrel, and it stares back at you. Feeling one with nature, you step toward it. The squirrel, terrified, races up a tree. Doesn't that make you feel ugly?

THE RITE IDEA

Consequences, not documents, will eliminate harassment

School officials are placing greater emphasis on dignity and respect this year through an expanded personal harassment policy. While worthy, the effort raises many questions. Most important, how effective will it be?

While a brief harassment statement already exists in the Rights and Responsibilities handbook, the new language is broader, more specific and in agreement with the policy currently under consideration by the school board. Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said the new policy is meant to be more easily understood. The new language defines harassment more clearly, calling it "unwelcome, harmful behavior towards another person because the behavior is annnoying, bothersome, or physically and/or emotionally injurious."

This new policy educates the school community by noting significant ideas not mentioned in the handbook, including the impact of harassment on its target. The policy states that "a victim of harassment feels uncomfortable, intimidated, or physically or emotionally hurt as a result of someone else's behavior, regardless of intent."

The new policy also describes in general terms the consequences that harassers face, including police or court involvement. The handbook statement listed harassment in a category of violations that may result in suspension or expulsion.

Although a renewed interest in curbing harassment suggests a problem within the school, Rumbaugh said harassment issues have rarely come up. He added, however, that no complaints were ever ignored. The absence of cases does not mean students don't face harassment at Shaker. Often, victims of harassment are too ashamed or afraid to report it. The new harassment policy, which is to be posted in every classroom, should ease such apprehensions by fostering awareness and dialogue.

Will this policy make a difference? Many teachers disregarded or were ignorant of the need to post the new policy in their classrooms after a request was made four times during the opening weeks of school. Given this inconsistent introduction, the policy doesn't seem likely to make much impact. Four weeks into the year, many students are still unaware that the new policy exists. If they don't know it's there, how can they honor it?

As with any harassment policy, questions surround what exactly consitutes a violation. Where does the administration draw the line? What is actually harassment? What are unjustifiable complaints? Such questions have caused heated debates around the country. The line between sexual harassment and flirting has grown less clear in the aftermath of Anita Hill vs. Clarence Thomas. And when a young North Carolina boy was suspended for kissing a female classmate, critics said jittery school officials had sacrificed common sense in their haste to enforce a policy.

Once students are fully aware of the policy, trust becomes the critical ingredient. We must trust students not to abuse the policy through frivolous claims. Doing so trivializes the suffering of real victims. And we must trust that school officials will follow through with real consequences when legitimate complaints arise.

Harassment occurs every day within the walls of Shaker. Policy states that harassment won't be tolerated. Yet, if the stated consequences don't ensue, no document, no matter how well written, will ensure a climate of dignity and respect. And, most importantly, until a few brave people step forward to report mistreatment, a change in student attitudes and behaviors is unlikely.

CHEERS & JEERS

***Cheers** to Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. Keep hitting those homeruns.*

***Jeers** to basketball strikes and lockouts.*

Cheers to the Browns. Just one year away.

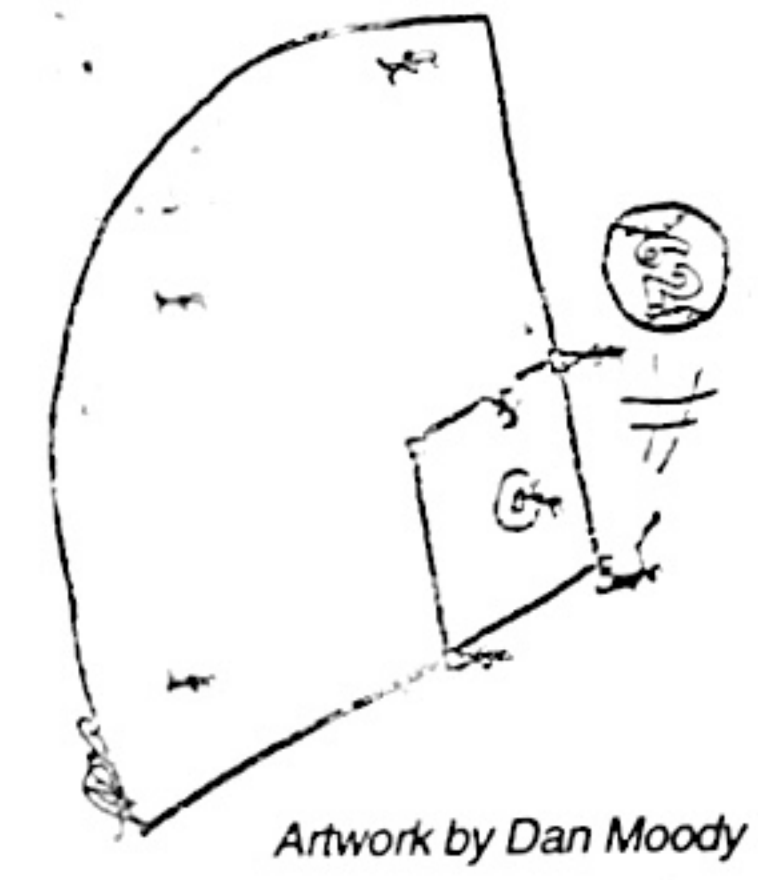
Jeers to the spastic stock market. Help us Mrs. Jones!

Cheers to candy. How can something so good come in such a small package?

Jeers to Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch. We don't care about your "Wildside."

Cheers to school dances. It's time to get your groove on.

Jeers to mimes. Why don't you just talk?



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Cheers to meeting schedule.

Jeers to not enough meeting schedule days.

Cheers to birthdays. We love presents.

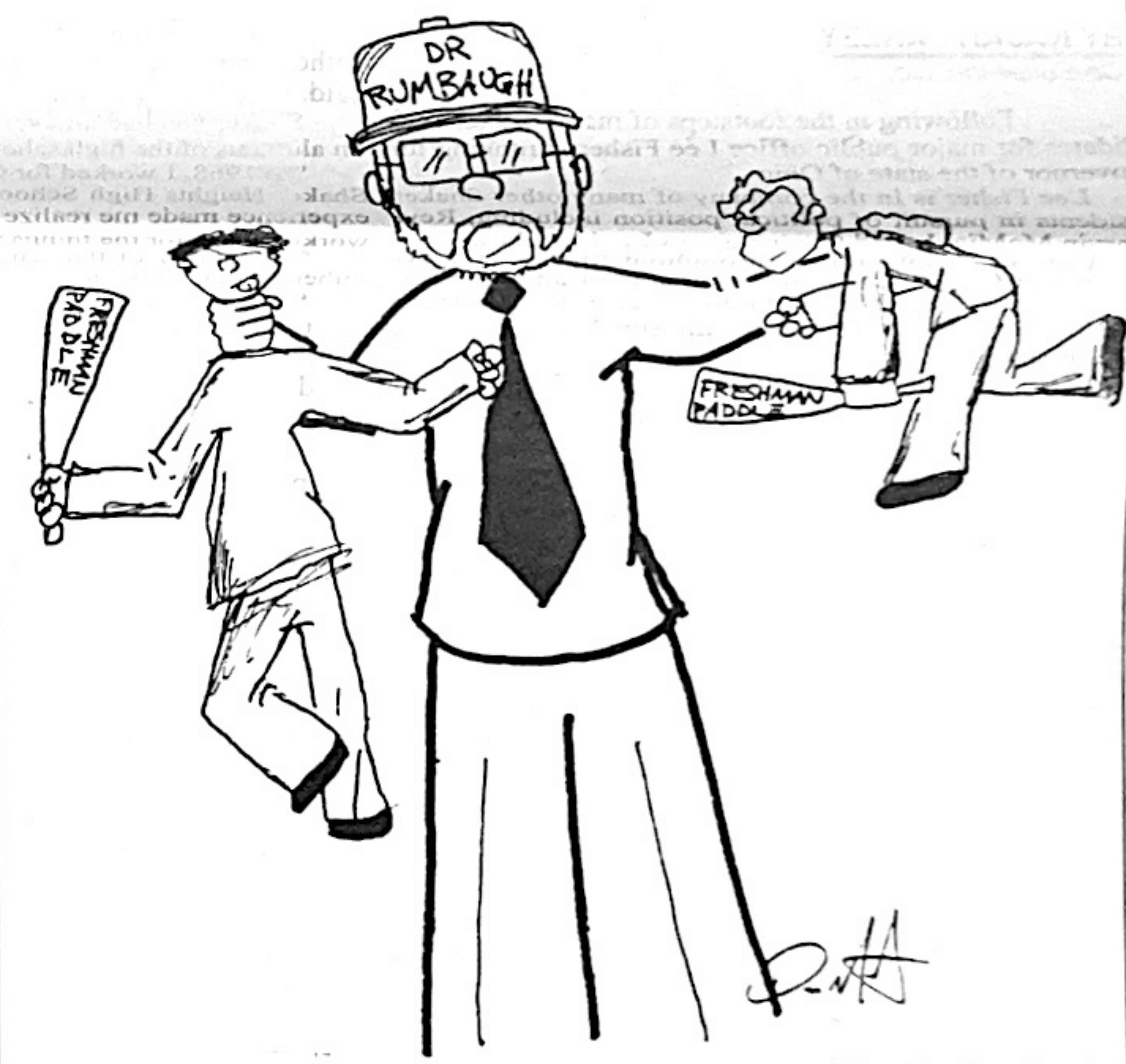
Jeers to not enough parking spaces.

Cheers to Big Bufords.

Jeers to Yoohoo. Shaking doesn't do the trick.

Cheers to strawberry milkshakes.

Jeers to that little Nestle's Quick Bunny.



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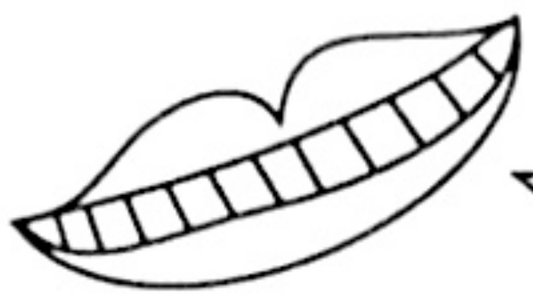
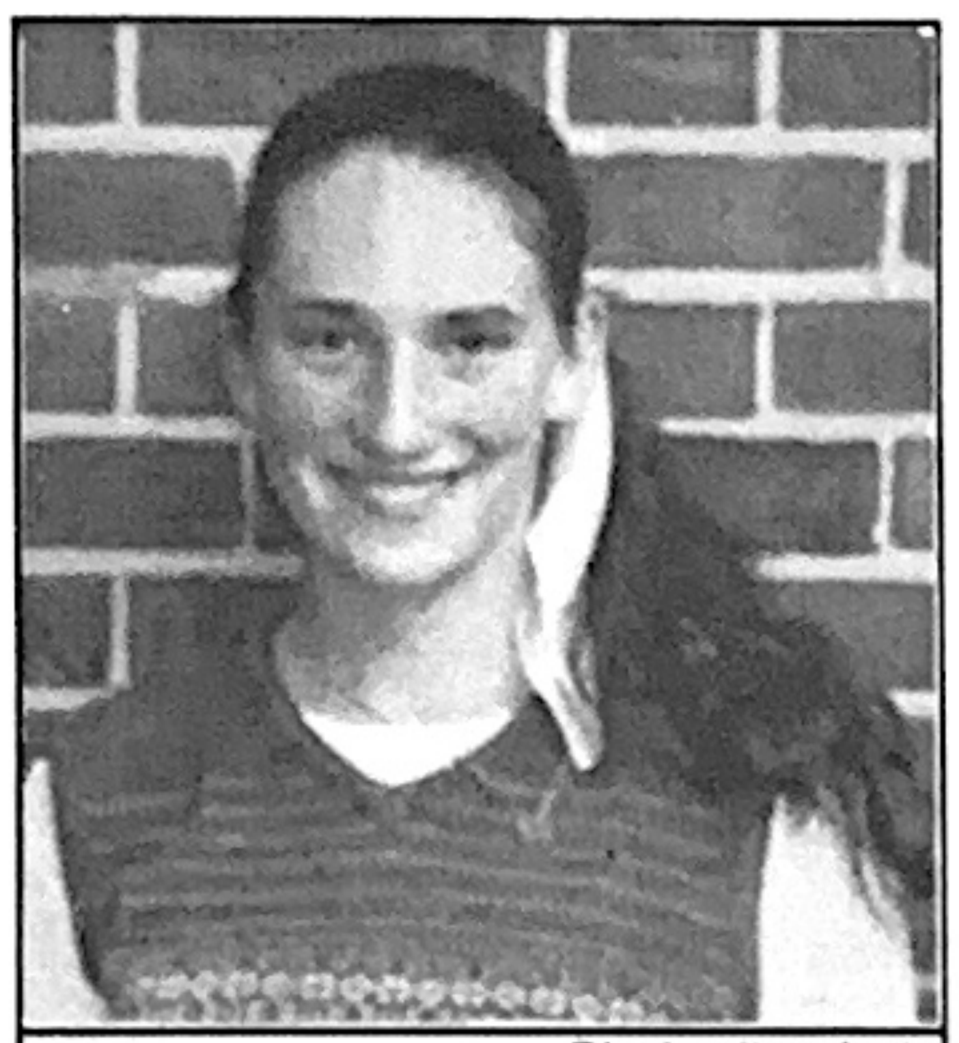


SHAKER SPEAKS

Student views on issues that affect their world

A copy of the high school's expanded personal harassment policy was distributed to teachers upon the opening of school. The policy states all members of the community are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect, that no person should be subjected to any type of harassment and such behavior will not be tolerated. The document goes on to define harassment and the degrees of punishment that can be result from violations. Consequences include an evaluation of the harasser, possible suspension or expulsion and possible police/court involvement. The *Shakerite* asked students their views on this topic:

Is a harassment a problem at Shaker today? Do you think there have been problems in the past? Do you feel harassment warrants taking time in class to discuss it? Do you think the policy will create any changes in people's actions or attitudes? Is there any one part of the document that you feel makes an important statement?



Shakerite photo by Suzanne Schwarz

"They must have had problems last year, otherwise they wouldn't have taken the trouble to write it. It's just common sense."

Laura Bonem, senior

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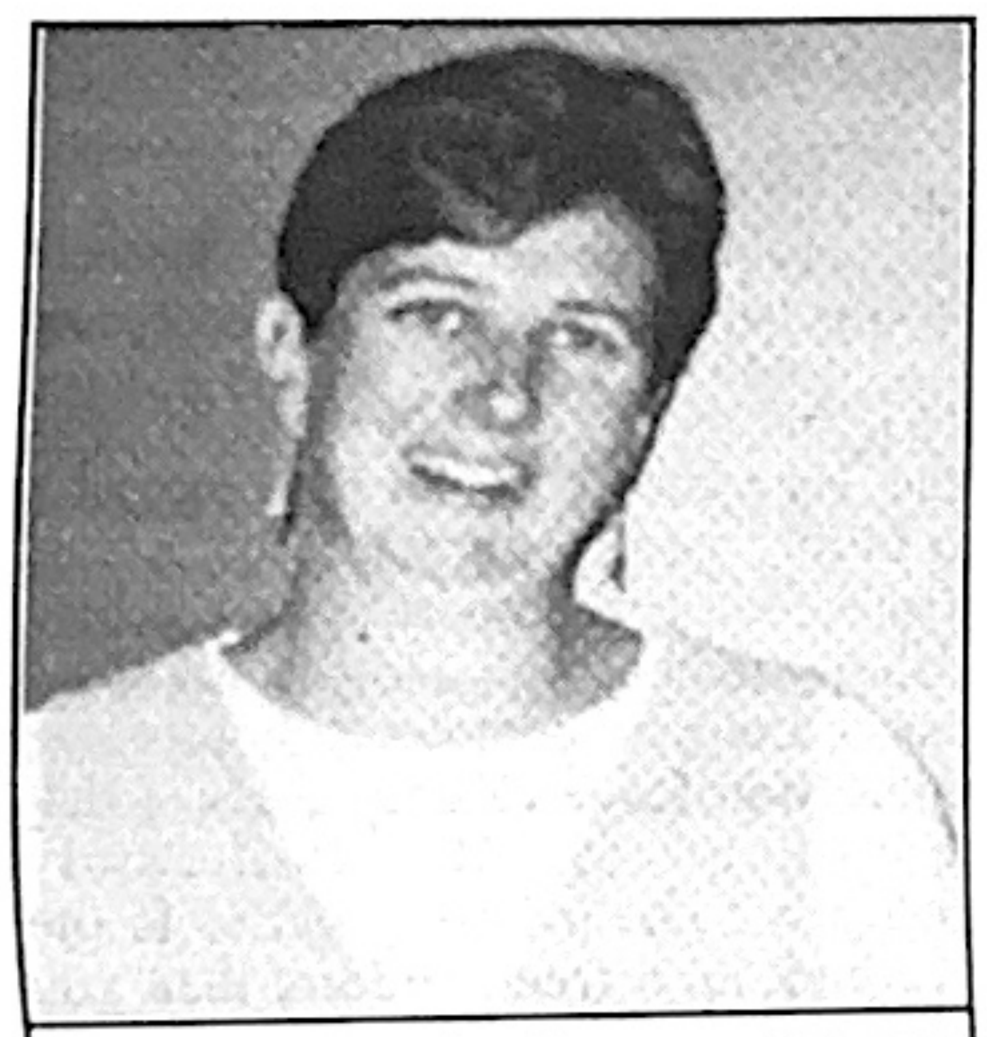
"I think there are far more important issues to discuss in the begining of the year other than school protocol that we could read on our own."

Justin Fuller, junior



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"I don't feel that any student should be harrassed in any way by other students."

Lori White, math teacher

"Getting police and court involved will stop the issue, but I think that's a little strict. But I think it will work."

David Thomas, junior

"It's good that you can't get out of trouble by claiming you didn't do some thing."

Claudia Sacks, freshman

"I feel the new harassment rule is a good idea. People go over their limits and they need to realize that their actions aren't appropriate."

Julia Sifford, junior

"I understand the goal of the policy, but I think it is too strict and they won't be able to enforce it."

Chip Patterson, senior

Shakerite file photo

"I think it's a lot more strict, but I don't thnk anyone's attitude will change about making fun of a kid."

Aaron Viny, junior

Youth empowerment must precede progress

Voices at Million Youth March lost in the pursuit of news after movement encounters police conflict

BY NAJAH FARLEY
Co-Editor-In-Chief

In 1969 Robert Nemiroff published *To Be Young Gifted and Black* an autobiographical play and a compilation of the work of Lorraine Hansberry. It chronicled the life of Hansberry for her short time here. One theme revolves around the perils of being a thinker during a time of political and social apathy. It talks about the dangers of being progressive in a time of relative complacency. It shows that many things that spurred the country on during this period of dormancy began in the black community – the young black community.

Now, once again, youth are taking a stand against complacency and dormancy in the form of the Million Youth March. It's been two years since the Million Woman March, three since the Million Man March and inactivity still reigns supreme. To be a thinker in today's society or in any society takes courage and perseverance, something that is hard to come by, but when someone does take a stand, they are immediately shot down by the majority.

The ability to take a stand has to be passed on to youth who don't feel that their voices are being heard. Many youth have always been taught that their voice doesn't matter. Veterans of the civil rights movement of the sixties hoped to create support for a new generation to speak out against injustice and for progress. This seemed to be the purpose of the Million Youth March.

The Million Youth March should have been just like the youth movements that promote community service (Americorps) and abstinence (True Love Waits). The nature of support for these movements, however, is very different than that shown for the Million Youth March. Instead of busloads of youth on their way to the Million Youth March and community support for such a movement, the Million Youth March was marked by negativity and discord. One strike against unity began when two different marches were created, one in Atlanta and one in New York City. Besides that fact, the press concentrated on Khallid Muhammad's statements to the papers, his new Black Panther Party and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's reluctance to grant the march a permit to take place.

To be young, black and gifted is dangerous, primarily because young people hold power in this country and world. The power that youth hold in this country is evident throughout every institution. From fashion to education, everyone is trying to get a piece of generation next. Youth is a very potent force.

The Million Youth March represented all of that and more. It represented African American youth, a group rarely listened to and hardly ever understood because of the problems of violence, underrated school systems and teen pregnancy. These problems have been recognized and solutions have been proposed and implemented. Studies show teen pregnancy rates have fallen among youth – African American youth especially, and violent crimes have decreased in many major cities including Cleveland.

There is a second part to this equation: youth empowerment. No matter how much adults work to keep teen pregnancy down or violent crimes on the decline, both will rise again if youth don't feel empowered to create change on their own. As youth fight to change their own neighborhoods they aren't being helped by adults.

The Million Youth March in many ways should have been a move toward youth empowerment. A way to have our voices heard above the roar of the crowd. Unfortunately, the actual message that reached many ears was one of dissonance if it reached them at all. Television reports focused on the riot police breaking up the march when the permit expired and the resulting confrontation between law enforcement and youth.

In the future, events encouraging youth empowerment should be promoted and given the tools to succeed instead of sabotaging progress with insufficient support. Some of the tools are found within youth themselves who, can bring together gifted young people and implement change in the African American community and America as a whole.

FROM THE MIND OF GURU

By JUSTIN GURNEY

Opinion Co-Editor

Gubernatorial candidate and Shaker resident Lee Fisher says he'd like to see more students take part in the campaign process.

I'm not 18 and I can't vote, but I 'm old and mature enough to voice my opinion to the world. However, the more I look around, the less I see my peers making an effort to fulfill Fisher's wish. Many issues affect us, while we sit back and accept the label of "kids."

Complaints about the front lawn/parking lot project pierced through hallway noise last year. *It's so ugly! I won't have a place to eat lunch in the spring. It won't help us park."*

Well, look outside. The damage is done, and gripes continue – too little, too late and, most importantly, misdirected. Your lunchroom buddy isn't in charge of the blueprints. The Executive Director of Business and Personnel, Carlton Moody, is the one to talk to. If you really wanted to make a change, you should have made an appointment.

If we want to be thought of as adults, it's time we start acting like them. We don't need to wear suits and complain about spilled coffee on shirts, but when we feel strongly about something, we need to do more than whine to friends. We aren't being ignored; we just aren't speaking forcefully enough or *to the right people*.

When McDonald's tried to build at Shaker Towne Center last year, neighborhood adults protested with signs and rallies. City council addressed their concerns. Most students were hopeful that the Golden Arches would rise, providing more lunchtime choices. However, not many students, if any at all, attended council meetings to voice their preference.

We're gaining knowledge and confidence through academics and co-curriculars. Put those skills to use! If you want a McDonald's in your neighborhood, say so. Don't speak your beef after construction has been denied.

The response to the *Shakerite* article "Black and white or shades of gray" was one of the few times I have seen friends take a strong stand on their beliefs. Students directed their voices at administrators and teachers. The resulting dialogue produced an awareness that surrounds the issue of achievement still today.

There's no need to wait for the right birthday to seize control of issues that matter to us. We're old enough to impact those decisions now.

Condom distribution saves lives

POINT

Over the summer, concert goers at Blossom Music Center were entertained by mother nature, musicians and . . . Trojan Man.

In a promotional effort, the makers of Trojan condoms disributed free samples to fans at concerts featuring contemporary artists. Many fans inflated the condoms and batted around the resulting balloons.

Plain Dealer columnist Dick Feagler decried the practice of handing out condoms as if they were candy. He spoke for many people when he said the ad promoted sex.

He couldn't be more wrong. Most fans at shows such as the HORDE Festival and the Dave Mathews Band are in their late teens or early twenties. According to Planned Parenthood, 50 percent of women and 60 percent of men ages 15-19 have had sexual intercourse. I've got news for Feagler: a man in a condom costume is not the catalyst for their decision.

We learn about condoms in room 155. Health teachers say abstinence is best, but if you choose to have sex, use a condom. They even demonstrate how to use them. That's far more specific than any advertisement. Does this lesson promote sexual activity? No. Promoting Trojan condoms at Blossom sends the same message: *If* you are going to have sex, do it safely.

I personally do not feel obligated or pressured to engage in a promiscuous lifestyle because I see 20-year-olds pocketing prophylactics. I doubt many other people do either. However, if people want to have sex they will do so whether the Trojan Man is out there or not. In the age of AIDS, adults need to realize that teenagers are going to have sex and if just one more person has safe sex because a condom was free and accessible, then Trojan Man is worth it.

Furthermore, condoms and other birth control devices are given out free at many Planned Parenthood centers. Just because they aren't being used as balloons at concerts doesn't mean they aren't there. We're not talking about a black market product here.

Potentially fatal drugs such as alcohol and tobacco are marketed far more aggressively than condoms. Magazines, TV commercials and billboards pitch these products incessantly. Why should a device that can prevent or reduce the risk of deadly disease be suppressed?

Adults such as Feagler would like to think their kids aren't the ones having sex or smoking. It's time for a reality check. There are far worse and more readily available "vices" at concerts than condoms. Critics need to change their focus. Instead of campaigning against birth control, they should target drugs and alcohol – substances that increase the chance teenagers will have unsafe sex. A stoned couple is not going to use that condom.

For many young people, the decision to have sex is their own and is made without the blessing of an adult or the possession of birth control. It's time to accept that reality and stop believing that returning condoms to their place behind the pharmacists' counter will put sex out of the minds of teenagers.

-Justin Gurney

Advertisements send wrong message

COUNTERPOINT

Get your peanuts here! How about some candy, lemonade or maybe some condoms?

This kind of vending is alright for peanuts, lemonade and candy, but condoms?

This decade is characterized by an increased emphasis on sex in education and conversation. Now sex seems to be invading our TVs and concerts.

At Blossom this year, the Trojan Man made an appearance on Cleveland's concert scene. Also, for the first time, mainstream TV viewers will be able to watch the Trojan Man and various other condom advertisements while resting in the comfort of their homes.

What's wrong with this picture? Sexual innuendos on TV programs and at concerts is unfortunately nothing new, but for the first time sex is being sold in a more blatant form than ever, just like a bottle of hair spray or a free sample at the grocery store.

Even though some will say that the Trojan Man advertisements have nothing to do with sex, the fact is that they do and the American culture has taken to selling everything: even sex.

That word alone conjures all sorts of emotions, stereotypes and thoughts in today's society. It has become almost commonplace in our discussions, but why? Sex is supposedly an expression of love and trust — some of the strongest emotions within our realm of existence. Emotions of this kind can change lives. Unfortunately, what is quickly becoming a way of life is the trivial nature in which people are beginning to look at this experience. The consequences of intercourse can literally result in both life and death. We need to think before we take this big step in our lives.

The entrance of ads and vendors hawking condoms further contributes to the disintegration of good decisions. The power to suggest something like "Pepsi – the choice of generation next," doesn't seem like a lot. But, the power of advertising becomes apparent when after watching a Pepsi commercial, the viewer immediately buys that soda. Going out and having sex after buying that condom is much more serious.

How many of us, after drinking Pepsi think about the consequences of an unhealthy diet: heart disease or caffeine addiction. Not many, because these consequences seem remote. This same consumer ignorance effect can and will take place with the advertising of condoms. However, STDs and pregnancy can take effect after only one night, as opposed to years of continual use. How many Trojan Men harp the condom failure rate along with their vending? None, because no one would buy them if they knew all the dangers involved in the use of their product.

Trojan Man leads to unsafe sex – that is, sex without thinking. If the only thought you've put into the matter is the choice to pick up a free condom, then you have not put enough into it.

The resolution to have sex should be the result of contemplation, discussion and a trusting relationship between two people. *Handing out condoms at concerts takes the decision and thinking right out of our hands. It puts it in the hands of Trojan Man. As young adults we must become* responsible for our well being.

A determination as important as sex shouldn't be left to a spur of the moment, excess of hormones. It's a decision that should be made with a loving, trusting partner when both members of the relationship are ready. It's a decision that should be made without the help of Trojan Man.

-Najah Farley

Student Council needs student feedback

BY LANDON LOCKHART

Guest Riter

Do you plan to attend homecoming? Prom? Are you a member of a club or clubs at Shaker? Do you make use of the concessions at sporting events? Maybe you plan to attend a pep rally or two. Surely you've answered yes to many of these questions. And if you did, you have been influenced by one of the most abundant groups at Shaker . . . your Student Council. Although you may not know much about Student Council, does that mean it's not very active? The answer is NO!

Time and time again, I hear the question, "Do you guys do anything?" Sure we do. We're involved in just about everything you can imagine around the Shaker campus. What recognition means more than the recognition of your constituency? Unfortunately, constituent recognition is precisely what is lacking for Student Council. Who's fault is it? It's meaningless to point fingers because this problem has existed for quite some time.

By taking heed of our history we can positively change the direction of our future. I believe that this school year can be a year of complete change for Student Council and the communication gaps that exist with the student body. Now is the time for change and this change can be accomplished through the support of us all.

The primary goal of Student Council is for the council and the student body to communicate effectively and become unified in direction. Cooperation from both sides is required. If this is accomplished, Student Council's vision for more effective communication will be attainable.

Throughout this effort we must all acknowledge that this mission is not soley for the benefit of Student Council, but is intended to benefit the entire Shaker Heights High School.

The key reason for the establishment of Student Council is to provide representation for all of the many students who attend Shaker.

If students become more actively concerned about the business of Student Council, we could better represent the interests of the student body. It's difficult to represent without feedback; you must speak out. Tell us what you think about issues facing students so we can speak more loudly for you. Student Council can work for you.

Student Council also has a responsibility to keep you abreast of what goes on in and around the Shaker campus. Your most important incentive for increased involvement of Student Council into your everyday activities is you have an organized body of students that are committed to working on your behalf. You may find yourself redefining your place in our line of communication, Student Council's line of communication, or you may even increase your level of involvement.

The first and foremost step to take is make use of communication resources provided by Student Council. There are suggestion boxes in the main office and the cafeteria, as well as a Student Council board in the cafeteria that identifies the goals Student Council has targeted to accomplish in the '98-'99 school year. These connective tools are made available for students to use at your own discretion as often as you would like to use them. But keep in mind, the misuse or neglect to use these resources diminishes the bond between Student Council and the student body.

Student Council hopes to enhance student involvement and awareness. If this goal is met, Student Council may more efficiently represent the students. Unity is the key to success, and with everyone's input and support, progress can be made.

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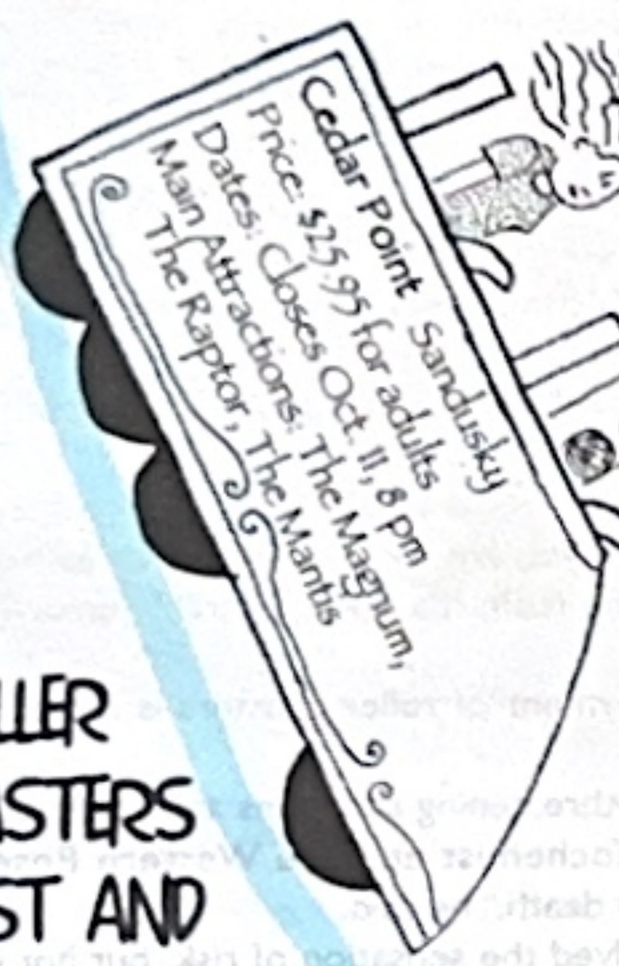
LAST CHANCE FOR SUMMER FUN

THE SIGNS OF FALL ARE ALL AROUND – STUDENTS PULL OUT THEIR LONG PANTS AND WOOLEN SWEATERS, TEACHERS PILE ON TEXTBOOKS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS, AND WEEKDAY AFTERNOONS ARE RESERVED FOR WORK.

HOWEVER, AMUSEMENT PARKS HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA. THEY EXTEND SUMMER FOR A FEW MORE WEEKS. FOR MANY, THIS EXTENSION IS A LAST CHANCE FOR SUMMER FUN.

A WEEKEND JAUNT TO A LOCAL ROLLER COASTER PROVIDES A WELCOME RESPITE FROM THE RETURN OF ACADEMIC STRESS. RIDING THE RAPTOR OR SCREAMING DOWN MR. HYDE'S NASTY FALL WON'T MAKE YOUR HOMEWORK GO AWAY OR POSTPONE YOUR HUGE ALGEBRA TEST, BUT IT CAN, IF ONLY FOR 2.5 MINUTES, MAKE YOU FORGET THAT FALL IS UPON US.



As conveyers of the truth, Centerpiece wishes to clarify a persistent rumor about the Magnum at Cedar Point. Supposedly, the Magnum, which some say is sinking into its foundation, will be taken apart and sold. According to a Cedar Point employee who answered a call to the park's information number, that story is completely false and the Magnum is still as safe as it ever was. Apparently, the rumor has been taunting coaster fans in Ohio and beyond for more than two years. Cedar Point employees field numerous inquiries every day regarding this rumor, most of which come from Michigan residents.

ROLLER COASTERS PAST AND PRESENT

BY LISA SAMOLS
AND SHAILA SHAH
Centerpiece Co-Editors

If only those 15th century Russians could ride the Raptor.

One hundred years ago, those Russians had to make do with wooden sleds on ice. No terrifying upside down flips, no 200-foot drops. The brave souls who pioneered the concept of scaring yourself silly at high rates of speed and descent had to settle for what technology would allow them – trips down 70-foot ice slides on wooden sleds or blocks of ice. The only safety measure was a piece of rope tied to the course.

The next roller coasters came in early 19th century. Abandoned coal cars were dragged to the top of mountains and let go, sending dozens of people to the bottom of speeds up to 80-90 miles per hour over streams, brooks, and whatever else the track came across.

Later in that century, a man by the name of La Markus Thompson created what would become the modern roller coaster. Thompson's Gravity Pleasure Switchback Railway on Coney Island, New York, was the first coaster to have more then one hill. The tallest hill was 45 feet high and the ride went a maximum of 6 miles per hour.

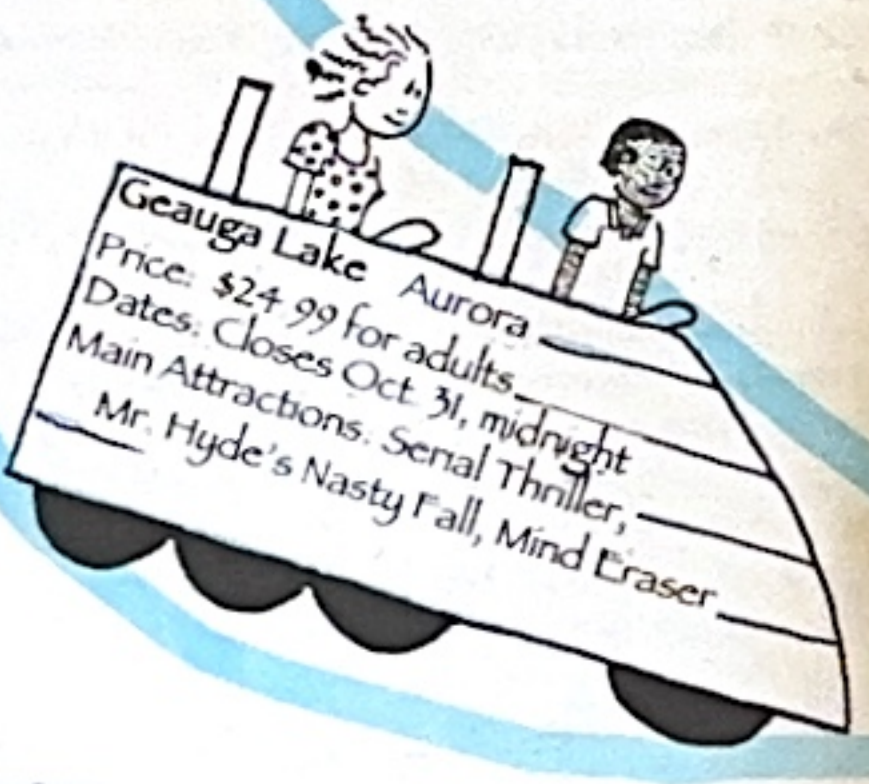
The craze spread quickly. Cedar Point's first "ride" was a water trapeze. In 1892, Cedar Point built its first roller coaster, which had a 25-foot-tall hill and practically flew at 10 miles per hour. From then on, Cedar Point added roller coasters such as the Magnum, 1989, (the world's tallest roller coaster until Superman at Great America was built in California), and the Meanstreak, (which was the tallest wooden roller coaster until the Rattler at Fiesta Texas was constructed). Cedar Point has had 23 coasters in more than 100 years; today they house 12 roller coasters, many of which hold world records for height and speed.

Needless to say, roller coasters have evolved since the late 19th century. Today, roller coasters are the huge metal or wooden monsters seen looming over various parks all over the nation.

The changes in American society have influenced the changes in amusement parks. The world is a more dangerous place than it used to be, and old thrills just aren't as exciting. In a society where people are held at gunpoint every day, a 25-foot hill doesn't get the adrenaline pumping like it used to.

Technology also plays into the evolution of roller coasters. Stainless steel tracks take the place of wood, computers take on the role of human operators, and in some parks, virtual reality rides replace real rides. All of this helps amusement parks make death seem just a bit closer.

Information compiled by Brian Barnes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Price: $24.99 for adults
Dates: Closes Oct. 31, midnight
Main Attractions: Serial Thriller,
Mr. Hyde's Nasty Fall, Mind Eraser

TIPS FROM A COASTER FANATIC

BY BRIAN BARNES
Guest Riter

1. If you're in the mood for a thrill, sit in the front of the roller coaster- it gives you a view of the drop. For less of thrill, sit in the last car, where you'll experience the "whip effect." The middle cars are the mildest, for the novice roller coaster rider.
2. On coasters with loops, turn your head to the side and watch the park turn upside-down.
3. The best times to ride are the early morning or late at night, when the lines are the shortest.
4. The best time to eat is 1:00 or 2:00 because most people will be in the food lines around noon.
5. Try to wear something light on hot summer days, along with comfortable shoes for walking around the park.

Enjoy the ride!

MENTAL SIDE OF THE BEASTS

BY LISA SAMOLS
AND SHAILA SHAH
Centerpiece Co-Editors

The experience of speeding along a rickety wooden frame in a small metal car has been found to be one of the most attractive forces in the world, at least, to some people. For years, thrill-seekers have been traveling long distances, to come to amusement parks. What is so attractive or repelling, about amusement parks?

"I love roller coasters because when you're on them it can be scary, but you know you're going to be safe," freshman Rhonia Karim said.

This "brush with death" feeling is often what attracts people to roller coasters.

"When you're on top of a hill and you know you are about to be hurled 65 miles-per-hour straight down, you get a phat adrenaline rush. It's quite a thrill," junior Rich Rund said.

Psycologists believe that the fear or enjoyment of roller coasters is more than just an adrenaline rush.

"Some people find it thrilling to be in life-threatening situations and come out of it fine," Dr. Brian Roth, a psychiatrist and biochemist at Case Western Reserve University said. "A lot of people are fascinated by death," he said.

"The evolution of roller coasters has evolved the sensation of risk, but not necessarily the danger," said Dr. Richard Rakos, the chairman of psycology at Case Western Reserve University.

According to Rakos, people engage in risky behavior provided they have reinforcements or the knowledge that they will be safe.

As more roller coasters are built and more people ride them, the names of the rides become more ominous. The names have gone from the Switchback Railway to Raptor or Mantis or Raging Wolfbobs.

"The names of the rides follow [the risk involved in riding the coaster] to sound more risky," Rakos said.

However, not everyone enjoys the thrill of roller coasters.

"I don't like the first hill," senior Chalana Reeves said, "it makes my stomach feel like it's not there, like I'm about to die."

Rakos explained some possible experiences that can result from a ride on a coaster.

"Some people can experience traumatic experiences, can develop a social phobia," Rakos said.

He explained a social phobia to be the fear of not being able to prevent embarrassing situations. "It happens rarely," he said.

Roth, who conducts research on what genes control emotions, explained that there may be a gene that dictates whether or not people enjoy thrills such as the one that comes with riding a roller coaster.

"There are people, because of their genetic makeup, who need a lot of stimulation to feel normal," he said.

Halloween Weekends:

Cedar Point: Cedar Point opens its Hallo Weekends on Sept. 26. Come and explore two haunted houses, magic shows, scary stage shows, and ride through the toxic tunnel of terror.

Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 and 9: 6pm to 12am.
Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 and 10: noon to 12am.
Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 and 1: noon to 8pm.
Saturday and Sunday prices: $25.95 Fridays: $15.95

Geauga Lake: Come have a "howwling good time" at Geauga Lake's Hallo Scream weekends, including scary rides and activities. Featuring haunted houses and "Magic of the Night" scary show.

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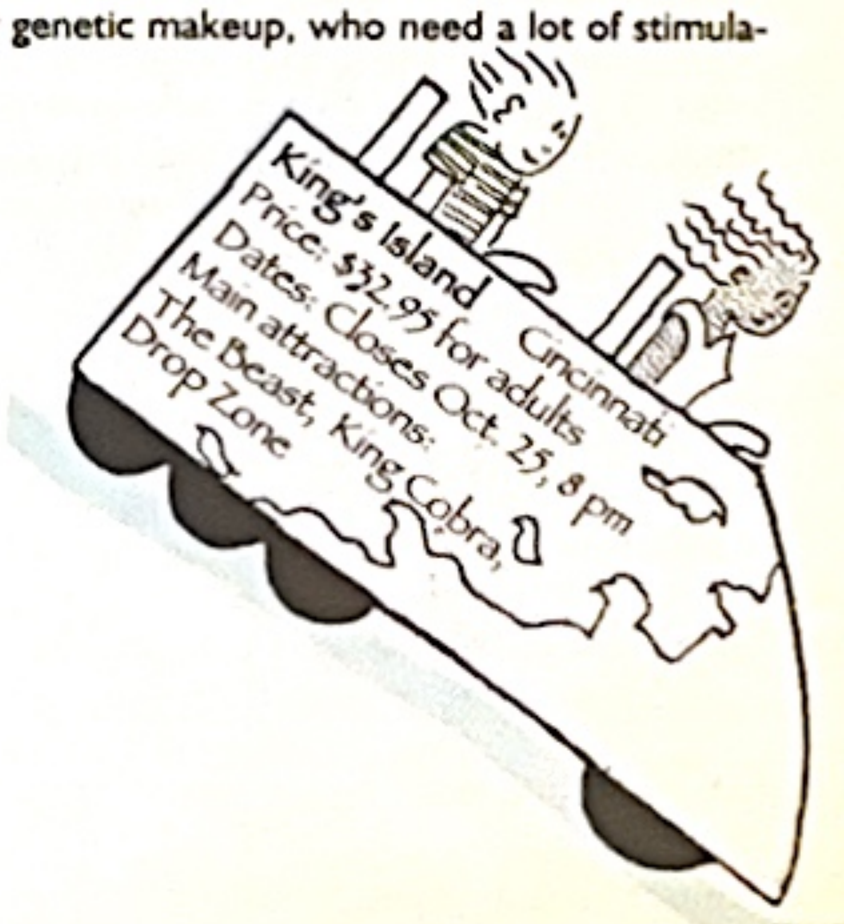

Shakerite artwork by Christine Powers

THE BILLBOARD TOP TEN ALBUMS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1998

1. The Miseducation of Miss Lauryn Hill-Lauryn Hill
2. Back To Titanic-James Horner
3. N Sync-N Sync
4. High Mileage-Alan Jackson
5. Hello Nasty-The Beastie Boys
6. Stunt-Barenaked Ladies
7. Don Cartagena-Fat Joe
8. Armageddon Soundtrack-Various
9. Backstreet Boys-Backstreet Boys
10. The Game is to be Sold. Not Told-Snoop Doggy Dogg

Shakerite Source: Billboard Magazine

The *Man* is denied!
Students veto *Man of La Mancha*

BY RACHEL KIBBE
Staff Reporter

The Shaker Heights High School Theater Department has decided against performing the musical *Man of La Mancha* after controversy over the decision to cast a professional actress in the lead female role.

The department held a search last spring to see if the school had the talent to put on the musical. Students were found to play all of the roles except for that of the female lead. To the dismay of many students, the department decided to invite Michelle Federer, a 1991 Shaker graduate and professional actress, to play the part.

> *"[Actors often only think of themselves and] their immediate needs, but not long-range development"*
> *-James Thornton, Theater department head*

Some students think that it is the duty of the Theater department to cast SHHS students. "We're a high school. Parents want to see their kids on stage. They don't want to see an equity actress," senior Dan Gattozzi said.

A number of students and parents were outraged and believed that hiring a guest artist would take away a great learning opportunity from students.

Gattozzi also said they should not have even considered the musical. "I don't think we should do a play we don't have talent to do...we don't have a girl in the school to play the part," he said.

Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh agreed that students should be cast for all the parts. "...This is a high school program and they should cast high school students," Rumbaugh said.

That opinion is not unanimous, however.

"This is not your average high school Theater Department. This is another opportunity for us to learn from someone who's been out there," senior Thea Smolinski said. She felt that bringing in a guest artist is similar to bringing in a poet in residence.

Smolinski said that the Theater Department approaches each of its productions with the intent of producing a piece of art, as well as making every attempt at good theater. "[The Theater Department is] not like a club atmosphere. It's more like an English department," Smolinski said.

"The department's first goal is education," Theater Department head James Thornton said. Thornton said that students can learn many skills from working with a professional. Students would learn how to handle themselves on stage, work with other people and handle their lines.

Thornton said that in his college days, working with professionals was an invaluable experience. He said that even though he didn't directly work with them, he learned a great deal just by watching them. "Its not a magical thing, human beings making a living," Thornton said.

Many students came to Rumbaugh with complaints, and in turn, Rumbaugh urged the department to hold a forum in which students could voice their concerns to Thornton. "As teachers and principals, we have to hear each other," Rumbaugh said. He was very happy students came to him with their concerns.

The forum was held, students opinions were heard, and the department decided to scrap *Man of La Mancha* and choose another musical. "There wasn't an environment we could feel good about bringing someone else into. You want them to feel welcome," Thornton said. "The timing right now didn't seem correct."

> *"We're a high school. Parents want to see their kids in the play."*
> *-Dan Gattozzi, senior theater student*

Thornton said he would have wanted the guest artist to walk away from the experience with a great feeling about it and Shaker.

Rumbaugh said the department's decision to seek other options for the musical is the best solution. He is happy that the department has gone through a process and came to this decision slowly and with discussion. "What I don't want is a quick amswer," Rumbaugh said.

The Theater Department has not yet decided what musical to perform. "It's so hard to pick a show," Thornton said. He added that much goes into a show and each aspect is equally important. Thornton said people put too much emphasis on the lead roles and don't realize that the leads are only a fraction of the finished product.

Thornton also feels that students do not realize the benefits of working with a guest artist, and that actors often only think of themselves and "their immediate needs, but not long-range development."

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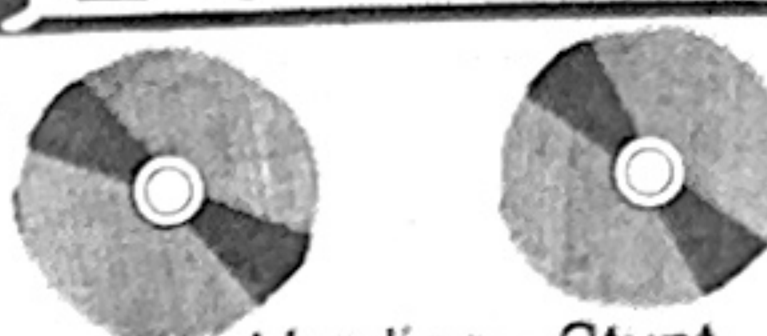
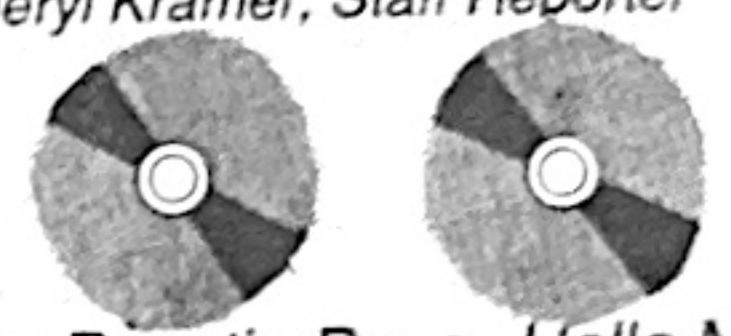


Barenaked Ladies - *Stunt*

The new LP from this Canadian quintet is a fun, upbeat ride that explores a different side of BNL. "One Week," and "It's All Been Done," the first two singles, are perfect examples of BNL's humorous style and crowd-friendly attitude. *Stunt* is a gem.

-Meryl Kramer, Staff Reporter



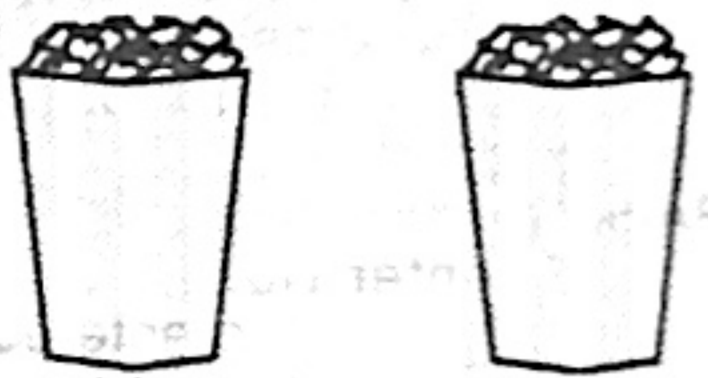
The Beastie Boys -*Hello Nasty*

"Professor, what's another name for pirate's treasure?"

"I think it's booty. Booty, yeah, that's what it is."

Hello Nasty, the newest album from the rap trio the Beastie Boys, is the furthest thing from booty. The group's previous albums, *Paul's Boutique*, *Ill Communication* and *Check Your Head*, are considered to be modern-day classics. However, *Hello Nasty* is a new breed of Beastie Boys that measures up to the rest. In this compilation of new songs, the instrumentation is more structured and refined from previous works. Instead of specializing on individuals and solos, *Hello Nasty* specializes in effects, as evident in the first single "Intergalactic." Although nothing will ever compare to the group's greatest song, "Girls," *Hello Nasty* definitely stands with the best.

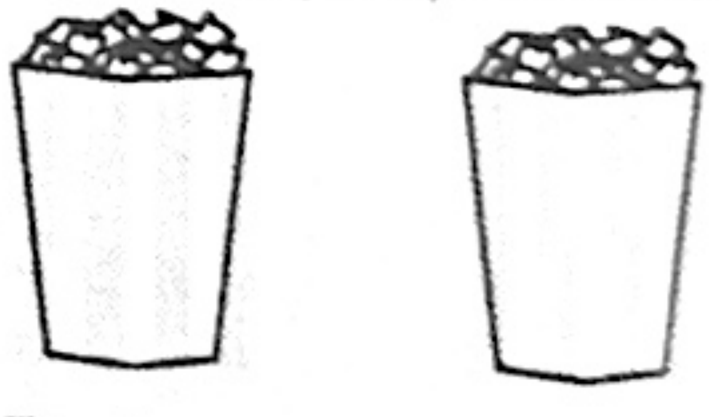
-Mike Emrich, Staff Reporter



Ever After

Staring Drew Barrymore, this remake of the children's fairytale classic *Cinderella* has a modern edge. Characters' names have been changed, Cinderella takes a 1990s liberal attitude, while the prince acts like a bigoted jerk. Angelica Huston plays the wicked stepmother who assumes the resposibility of raising Cinderella after her father dies. This picture was great in the sense that it gave an old story a new spin. However that wasn't enough to sustain interest in a recycled plot.

-Nikkie Majorczyk, Sports Co-Editor



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The heart of the disco era was a club in New York City known as Studio 54. The new film, *54*, takes a biographical look at this world-famous hot spot. The film follows the story of a young man struggling to compete in the fast-paced atmosphere of the club, where he works as a bartender. The film has been compared to the Mark Wahlberg film *Boogie Nights* in both setting and theme. However, *54* carried more weight than *Boogie Nights* and had a much better grasp on the characters. *54* will have you dancing in the isles.

-Meghan Dubyak, Staff Reporter

Raider of the Month
A&E STYLE

RENAISSANCE MAN. Junior Austin Frank does it all! From bari sax and JCWA, to SGORR and cross country, Frank finds time in his schedual to be active in the Boy Scouts and the Spanish Honors Society.

Shakerite photo courtesy of Jesse Griffiths

BY NATE LEVIN & JESSE GRIFFITHS
A&E Editor & Feature Co-Editor

At night, he partakes in normal teenage activities like sleeping, if he's lucky. However, during the daylight hours, junior Austin Frank lives a new definition of the term "go getter."

Where other high school students take the weekend to relax and rest up, Frank uses the time to fit more activites in to his already full schedule.

For the past three years, Frank has devoted his Friday evenings to working at Pearl of the Orient located at Van Aken Center.

Frank's precious Saturday afternoons are spent at cross country meets and football games where he demonstrates one of his many talents as he plays tenor saxophone for the marching band

Not only is Frank a superb tenor sax player, but he is also skilled at the baritone sax. Once marching season is over, Frank will be playing with Shaker Jazz Combo and the world renound Shaker Jazz Ensemble. Frank has also been asked to play in the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra. He was also invited to join the Tri-C Excellence in Music Program.

Though gifted, Frank does not rely solely on his aptitude. Every week he takes up to four hours of lessons.

However, Frank does have a bit of free time during the evening when he watches movies with his friends wile enjoying a nice cold glass of his favorite beverage, Mr. Pibb.

Not only is Frank an excellent musician, but he also excels with leadership skills. Thus, Sundays are spent in two-hour SGORR core team meetings.

Some students may let the stress get to them, however, Frank knows the key to getting it all done.

"Time management and not taking yourself too seriously are keys to sucess," Frank said.

The rest of Frank's week is devoted to studying to keep up his 4.0 GPA. In spite of that tough academic path, Frank believes he will reach Eagle Scout status this year. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

On average, Frank gets five to six hours of sleep a night. For some students, that is not nearly enough winks, but Frank says his five to six are enough to keep the music playing.

Mr. DJ, stop playing that song!

BY NATE LEVIN
A&E Editor

History. A rather bold term. It gives off a feeling of boldness, prestige and honor. Our history contains great minds such as John F. Kennedy, Albert Einstein, and Malcom X. History even has in it a slew of talented entertainers that has influenced and inspired many, for instance, Frank Sinatra, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and John Lennon.

However, there have been those that feel it necessary to pollute the worlds great history of entertainers. Many of them are living and breathing right now. I am referring to those who create and produce what is commonly refered to as "fun music." Music that can barely be considered music. Those who make this so called music are considered geniuses and are admired by millions for doing nothing but polluting the human mind.

Let's discuss the culprits. There is a certain trio from Tulsa, Oklahoma. To the average pre-pubesant female, they are cute, witty, smart, charming and make fast-paced upbeat music. However, to the sophisticated, mature, well educated, respected music guru, their style, attitude, sound and persona are nothing near original. Their so called "creativty" was first introduced in the late '60s early '70s by Mowtown Records President and CEO Barry Gordy.

Gordy's onslaught of writers, producers, public relaions people and marketing people, among others, made up what was known as the "Corporation" and controlled every moment of the lives of five youngsters from Gary, Indiana. Maybe you've heard of them? Gordy's idea of fast, original, bubble gum pop performed by kids turned out to be a winning combination until those kids were no longer "cute."

Back to the '90s. Exit the Jackson 5, enter Hanson. These three young men have entered the world of mega stardom at a young age, and if the past has taught us anything, in 15 years the drummer will be in rehab, the keyboardist will host a talkshow and the guitarist will have his own produce-slicing machine and an infomercial to boot.

The second group of musical offenders are the Backstreet Boys. More like the "No talent hosers" if you ask me.

This theme, like the seasons of the year, comes full circle. This group of gentlemen from Canada, with their hip-hop/rap/rock/pop brand of music was introduced to the world once before. In the late '80s, the world fell in love with the Boston quintet the New Kids On The Block. Shortly after the group's high point, the country found its mind and unmasked these no-talent impostors.

Finally, this article would not be complete without a reference to the Spice Girls. Once again, a recycled pop formula. In the mid 1960s The Monkees were created simply to rival the Beatles. The group was a merchandiser's dream as the witty boys and their TV show took the world by storm.

I end with this: such musical disgraces must be stopped. I urge all of you "fun music fans" to go out, by a Creedence Clearwater Revival album, (preferably *Chronicle*,) listen to it 10 times, and see what good music is all about.

All star shines on stage

BY NATE LEVIN
A&E Editor

Many students begin school a little nervous about AP classes, stern teachers, stuck lockers or scary seniors. However, senior Jon Manly was possibly the most nervous student at Shaker Heights High School.

The day before school began, Manly was informed by choir director Dr. Robert Schneider that he would not only be singing back up for Shania Twain, but would have a duet with the country star. Or so he thought.

Nine members of the SHHS choir were chosen to sing backup at Twain's concert Aug. 25 at Blossom Music Center.

Schneider was contacted by Twain's people late last spring. Inturn, the nine were chosen and practice was underway.

The day before the show, Schneider was asked to choose a student to sing what he presumed would be a duet with Twain on her song "What Made You Say That?" Because Chanticleer Manly is a gifted vocalist, as well as country music fan, he was Schneider's obvious pick.

Manly is the kicker for the varsity football team, and is the school's recordholder for the longest field goal during a game at 50 yards. Manly is also part of the singing and dancing troop the chanticleers.

The nine members of the choir chosen to sing with the country diva left for Blossom at about 3:30p.m. However not before filming a TV spot with one of the local stations, which showed the group warming up their golden throats.

Upon the troupe's arival, the rest of the team had one more rehearsal, while Manly was called to rehearse with Twain's bassist.

Two hours before the show opened, Manly receved news that shocked him. He was informed that he would not be singing a duet or backing up Twain as he originally thought, but would be singing *her* song, by himself.

"I was so nervous after the first couple of times [the bassist and I] rehearsed," Manly said. "My hands were literally shaking!"

The next two hours before his debut, Manly was extremly focused as he reviewed the lyrics and listened to the album version of the song over and over.

Only adding to Manly's frustration and butterflies was the fact that some of the lyrics had to be changed to accomedate a male singer.

"I was really scared that the copy that was on the stage was not going to have the changes on it," Manly said.

As Twains accompaniment with the chior came to an end, Manly was forced to leave the safety of his peers and take on the mike by himself. One chior member, Meghan McGill, recalls Manly's nerves as he prepared for his appearence.

"[The choir] was teasing him a lot, but all the time we knew he would do great," McGill said.

Twain introduced Manly, who took the microphone, and stole the show.

"He was absolutly fantastic," McGill said. "For being as nervous as he was, it didn't show a bit."

"I was nervous at first, but once I located the lyric sheet, I started singing and my confidence increased," Manly said.

At the conclusion of the number, the 30,000 plus in attendance gave Manly a standing ovation.

"It was possibly the biggest thrill of my life," Manly said. " The only thing that may have topped it was my 50-yard field goal."

For Manly's older brother, who made the five-hour trip from Miami University, the whole ordeal was a surprise.

"He had no idea it was going to happen," Manly said. "When I went on he went nuts."

The story was not just a big deal in Shaker, but Manly's tale has reached newspapers in Ottawa, Ontario as well as in Colorado.

What's Goin' On?

☐ **Celine Dion**
–Gund Arena, September18

☐ **Crystal Method**
–The Agora, September 18

☐ **Third Wish**
–Walsh U., Canton, September 18

☐ **Diamond Rio**
–Ashland University, September 19

☐ **The Clarks**
–Fat Wallys, September 20

☐ **REO Speedwagon**
–Ashland County Fair, September 24

☐ **Tragically Hip**
–The Agora, September 25

☐ **Ani DiFranco**
– Music Hall, September 26

☐ **Juliana Hatfield**
–The Grog Shop, September 27

☐ **Korn w/Orgy**
–The CSU Pavillion, September 27

☐ **Soulfly**
–The Odeon, September 28

☐ **The Jesus and Mary Chain**
–The Agora, September 30

☐ **Violent Femmes**
–CWRU, October 2

☐ **Guster**
–The Odeon, October 3

☐ **They Might Be Giants**
–The Odeon, October 7

☐ **Reel Big Fish**
–The Odeon,October 8

☐ **Lenny Kravitz w/Sean Lennon**
–Lakewood Civic Aud., October 11

☐ **Barenaked Ladies w/Semisonic**
–Gund Arena, October 14

☐ **Better Than Ezra**
–The Odeon , October 16

☐ **Henry Rollins**
–The Odeon, October 20

☐ **1964-The Tribute**
–University of Wooster, October23

☐ **Rancid**
–The Agora, October 25

☐ **Rob Zombie**
–The Rhodes Arena, October 25

☐ ***Cherry Poppin' Daddies***
–The Grog Shop, October 30

☐ **Ticket information is available from Ticketmaster at 241-5555**

Hot weather ensured tuneful summer

Students go wild over summer concerts

BY BETH DOLINSKY
Copy Editor

Summer, as always is more than just a break from school. It has traditionally provided bands with time to tour the country, as well as the world. Many Shaker students took advantage of these tours and went to see their favorite bands when they came to Cleveland this summer.

Festivals were the rule, as bands of varied styles collaborated on group shows. HORDE featured groups such as the Barenaked Ladies, Blues Traveler, and the Smashing Pumpkins. Lilith Fair, a collection of female pop stars, Smokin' Grooves, an R&B festival, and Vans Warped Tour, featuring ska and punk bands, went all around the country this summer. To some Shaker students, the opportunity to see so many bands together was exciting.

"[Lilith Fair] had a lot of energy," sophomore Meghan Whitehouse said. "Everyone was pumped and happy to be there."

Shows with more than one headlining act also proved to be successful because of length of time that music was actually being played.

"There's nothing like going to a show for eight hours," junior Jacob Feitler said of Vans Warped tour.

Junior Nate Auerbach loved the exciting atmosphere at the HORDE festival in July. "In true Barenaked Ladies fashion, they sang a song about giant eggroll men," he said. "While [the Barenaked Ladies] were playing, it was all sunny and warm. Then the Smashing pumpikns came on with their meloncholy sound, and the sky turned black in a matter of five minutes," Auerbach said.

The rain that soon followed made great conditions for mud sliding, according to Auerbach.

On the other hand, many students went to festival shows to hear a particular act.

"The best part [about Smokin' Grooves] was when Cannabis got into the audience and started rapping," sophomore Jordan Klimek said. "It was the greatest concert I've ever been to."

"My favorite part of Lilith Fair was Natalie Merchant," sophomore Kelly Baker said.

Festivals were not the only concerts this summer. Many students also took the time to see individual acts. With huge names like Pearl Jam, The Beastie Boys, Janet Jackson, Jon Fogerty, the Spice Girls, Boyz to Men and others in the area, there were many concerts to choose from.

Freshmen Katie Duran and Gia Campbell both went to see the Backstreet Boys at Blossom Music Center.

"It was so much fun," Duran said.

"We had to wait a long time," Campbell said. "It took an hour and a half before they actually got on stage."

The Dave Matthews Band drew a number of Shaker students to their sold-out Blossom show. "It was the best concert I've ever been to," junior Molly Nakley said. "Boyd Tinsley [the violinist] was amazing."

Senior Mike Jacobson agreed.

"It was an excellent show. The crowd was really into the music," he said. "...it was great hearing [Dave Matthews] play the songs from his new album [*Before These Crowded Streets.*]"

Many smaller bands also drew fans from Shaker. Junior Chris Hoke, who went to see the Gloria Record, felt that the music itself was the best part. "The music pummeled you into the ground," he said. "The bad thing was that only like 20 people came."

No matter what type of concert Shaker students had the opportunity to attend, it's almost certain that they will remember the shows fondly, especially as the school year wears on.

Words Of Wisdom

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Computers are not intelligent. They only think they are.

Don‘t force it. Get a larger hammer.

Life is what happens while you are planning to do something else.

Shaker grad Jacqmin shares a spot of tea with the first lady

BY MEGAN JOHNSTON
Feature Co-Editor

After winning a national Scholastic Award, Shaker graduate Hilary Jacqmin, accompanied by English teacher George Harley, met Hillary Clinton this summer.

Jacqmin, who now attends Johns Hopkins University, was one of five out of 15,000 chosen to win a $5,000 scholarship for the college of her choice.

The award was divided into many categories including portfolio, which is a collection of the entrant's best pieces of poetry, writing and other miscellaneous works.

Jacqmin entered the portfolio category. For her teacher sponsor, Jacqmin chose 11th grade AP English teacher Harley.

Only the five winning entrants were invited to attend a White House tea hosted by Clinton. Winners attended the tea this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the awards.

"It was very exciting to be in the state dining room. It's full of history. It once held hunting trophies from Teddy Roosevelt," said Maxine Jacqmin, Hilary's mother. "Whoever you are you can't help but be impressed by what that room represents."

Reporters from all over the country also attended the event, including two from Cleveland. "Hilary was constantly being pulled to the side by the press," Harley said.

Each winner was then introduced to Clinton and given time to take a picture, but there was not much time to speak with her.

"She [Clinton] seemed very intelligent. In person, she's not the way she's always represented a power hungry person," Jacqmin said.

However, Harley did speak at length with the director of the awards.

"He spoke highly of Shaker and the Shaker entries," Harley said. "He told me to continue to send student work and was very impressed."

According to Harley, teachers from all over the country were impressed with Shaker schools.

"Many people that are very [influential] in the arts came up to me and wanted to talk just because it said Shaker on my tag," Harley said.

The awards were presented at the Kennedy Center. Actress Kathy Bates and author Frank McCort spoke. Each winner went on stage to state his or her name and award.

"The whole ceremony was very moving. I am very proud of Hilary," Mrs. Jacqmin said. "She has definitely been influenced by her experiences growing up here in this part of Ohio, and it definitely shows in her writing."

Although Harley was honored to be a part of this occassion, he stressed that Jacqmin is the true winner.

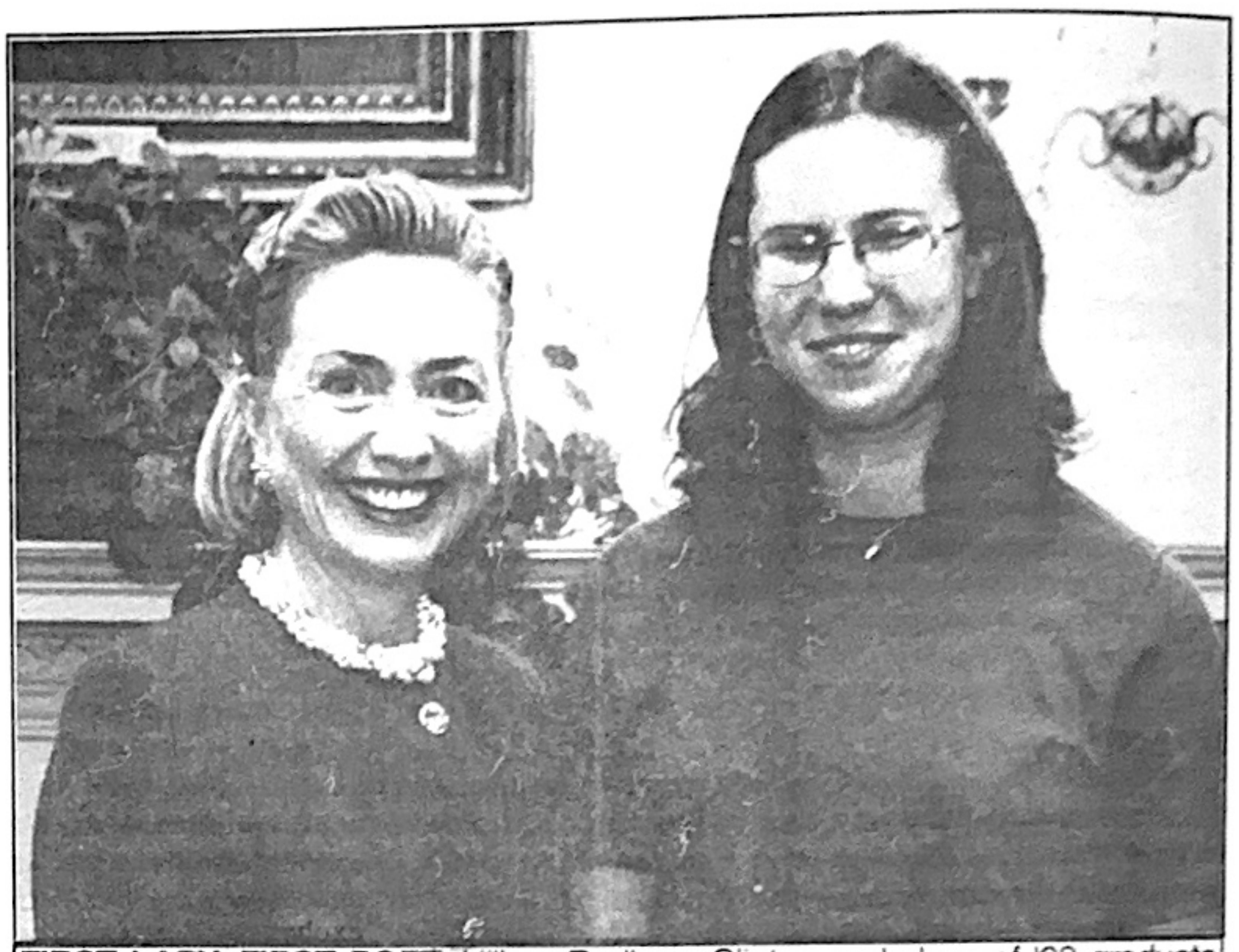
"Hilary did it," Harley said. "She is a gem of a student."

"It was a real validation for what I've

The Music The World Makes

Too low even for ants,
even for whales, who speak
the planet's language deep under ice,
cracking the water
with their bestial tongues.
This music - like the chiming
together of box tins,
hummingbird whistle,
the sound of the word "folly,"
watermelon seeds spat
and spat across the slick blacktop,
the dish of the moon as it collides
with the earth--

Hilary Jacqmin


FIRST LADY, FIRST POET. Hillary Rodham Clinton and class of '98 graduate Hilary Jacqmin share a handshake during Jacqmin's visit to the White House.
Shakerite photo courtesy of the Jacqmin family

NEW FACES IN THE HALL

Name: Dan Harris
Teaching assignment:CP US History, Contemporary World History
College: Ohio State University
Best kid quote:"You're a teacher?!"
Hardest room to find: One with AC
Favorite cafeteria food: Bagel. You can't go wrong with a bagel.
Biggest success to date: I know all my students' names.
Most surprising aspect of teaching: Exhaustion, physical and mental.
You hope to accomplish: My students, and I, will grow intellectually
Favorite apples: Ripe ones

Dan Harris

Name: Ned Gallaway
Teaching assignment: Theatre I, Playwriting, acting and Junior Ensemble
College: Ohio University; John Carroll University for my certification.
Best Shaker kid quote: "Get out of town and send me a postcard."
Pets and pet names: See my class lists. Some stand outs: "Eagle" "The Parrot" and "Fi Fi"
You hope to acomplish: A solid theater vocabulary shared by all my students.
Hardest room to find: Anything on the third floor.
Scariest moment: My first trip to the third floor.

Ned Gallaway

Shakerite photos by David Kresneye

Name: Lorraine Freeman
Teaching assignment: Spanish I and II
College: University of Akron, Cleveland State and John Carroll.
Hardest room to find: Ladies faculty restroom on the second floor.
Biggest success to date: Completing my master's degree in one year.
Pet peeve: People who don't use turn signals when driving.
Most suprising aspect of teaching: It requires a lot of work and preparation and it's a lot of fun!
Favorite apples: Red Delicious

Larraine Freeman

Name:Marc Enie
Teaching assignment: Physical Education at the highschool and Onaway Elementary School.
College:Kent State University
Best kid quote: "Could we grow grass in the gym so it would be easier to play soccer?"
Hardest room to find: The greenhouse
Most surprising aspect of teaching: All the different personalities I see
Biggest success to date: Having about half my students be able to pronounce my name right.
Favorite apples:Washington Red

Marc Enie

-Quotes Compiled by Jesse Griffiths

TELL-TALE TRIVIA

BY JESSICA SMITH AND MIRIAM STONE

1. Why is pop not sold until after 2 p.m. in the fencing room?
a)Caffeine highs
b)Only seniors can responsibly limit their caffeine intake for the day.
c)The US National fencing team practices there.

2.What is stored on the fourth floor?
a) Old textbooks.
b) Paul Newman's old tests.
c) Teachers' sleeping quarters.

3. What goes on in the boiler room?
a)Come on, you've seen that episode of *My So Called Life*.
b) That's where the custodians party.
c) Bubble bubble, toil and trouble.

4. Why do you not know that we have a rifle room?
a)They had a rifle club once, but remnants of the club have reportedly been rioting on the fourth floor.
b)Secret communist teachers' meetings take place there.
c)The school was about to revive the rifle team, but they couldn't afford the liability insurance.

5.How could you get locked in the costume cages?
a)Nap time, making good use of prop couches.
b)An evil henchman lurking around in Stage 3 swallows the key.
c)Practicing for the next school lock-in.

SAVED LATELY?

THE Y2K CRASH MEANS TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE

BY ZACH WEIL
Staff Reporter

Whatever you do to celebrate the moment when the calendar rolls over to triple zeros, stay on the ground.

As the year 2000 quickly approaches, computer programmers from all over the world and Shaker scramble to fix the so-called millenium bug, a technological trauma that threatens PCs, Pentagon systems, Shaker's scheduling software and even airplanes and elevators.

In the early days of computers, years were represented only by the final two digits. Dropping the first two digits was a way to conserve memory. Now as 2000 or Y2K draws near, the concern is that computers that would read a year such as 2003 as 1903 will be unable to function correctly.

> *"The strongest warning is to stay off of airplanes for the days following Jan 1."*

Shaker runs an HP 3000 mainframe computer. *This system handles almost all student information including schedules, tran*scripts and report cards.

"We have over 2100 programs that have to be looked at," said Sandra Bernstein, head of data processing at Shaker.

The Y2K issue first presented itself to Shaker when the class of 2000 enrolled. When new students enroll, the graduation date is entered. However, the HP was unable to list them as graduating in 2000 but rather in 1900.

Although this problem was fixed, many others remain. In order to accommodate the workload, Shaker's data processing staff has increased and some projects have been pushed back. Although Bernstein expects to complete the repairs by Jan. 1, 2000 she does not rule out spending winter break 1999 at the office.

"It has to be fixed. We simply don't have a choice," she said.

Aside from Shaker, other organizations are scrambling to beat the bug. Electric and water companies, financial institutions and government agencies including the IRS are working on preparing their systems. Because nearly 80 percent of the software will not work in 2000 and $1 will be spent to correct each line of code, some problems will be missed.

Any equipment that uses a computer chip could potentially be affected. Analysts have some warnings about New Year's Eve 1999 and the following days. The strongest warning is to stay off of airplanes for the days following Jan 1. While airlines have tried to correct all of the problems, they are not sure that all of the glitches will be fixed in time.

As this major event approaches, it has found its way into everyday speech.

"The only things for sure in life are death, taxes and Y2K," Berstein said.

A glimpse of Shaker from the world

Foreign exchange students adjust to America, but everything is so darn far!

BY BETH DOLINSKY
Copy Editor

Every year, students come from all over the world to attend Shaker. Whether they've come for a year or only a few weeks, our exchange students have definitely embarked on an adventure.

They've come to a foreign country where people obsess about their leaders' sex lives and speak a language that defies pronunciation. Yet, they're willing to try to take classes here. These brave souls experience Shaker from a different perspective than its native residents.

Sixteen exchange students will attend Shaker this year for a semester or more. While learning or improving their English, they will also learn about American student culture. In an attempt to help Shaker students learn about the exchange students, the *Shakerite* asked four of them, Christoph Engel, Mireia Paulo-Noguera, Anne-Kathrin Albert and Yukiko Sueyama a few questions.

Beth: Where did you come from?

Christoph: Goslar, Germany.

Anne-Kathrin: Osnabruick, Germany

Yukiko: Nigata, Japan

Beth: Why did you come to Shaker?

Christoph: To learn English and meet all the cool kids.

Mireia: Because the organization that I came to the USA with chose this city.

Anne-Kathrin: To improve my English, to make new friends and to know a new country.

Beth: What is different about Shaker Heights from your home city?

Christoph: In Goslar, you can go everywhere by walking, without a car. In Shaker, you are lost. Goslar is also much smaller and older.

Yukiko: Banks, shops, post offices, are so far from home in Shaker. Here a car is necessary.

Mireia: At home, everything is smaller, the houses are individual, there is more [to do] on the weekends, there are more trees and the food is different.

Anne-Kathrin: Shaker is bigger and there are more shops.

Beth: Are there any similarities between the two cities?

Christoph: NO!

Mireia: The people are the same.

Anne-Kathrin: Yes. most things are similar, but in Germany, everything is much smaller.

Beth: What is different between schools in Shaker and at home?

Christoph: There is more homework here and less free time, and you can't know all the students.

Mireia: This [Shaker] is bigger, there are more people and it is difficult to meet friends. It's a little crazy.

Anne-Kathrin: Shaker is bigger and the schedule is different. In Germany, all students are in one class and have the same subjects.

Shakerite photo by Robbie Markt

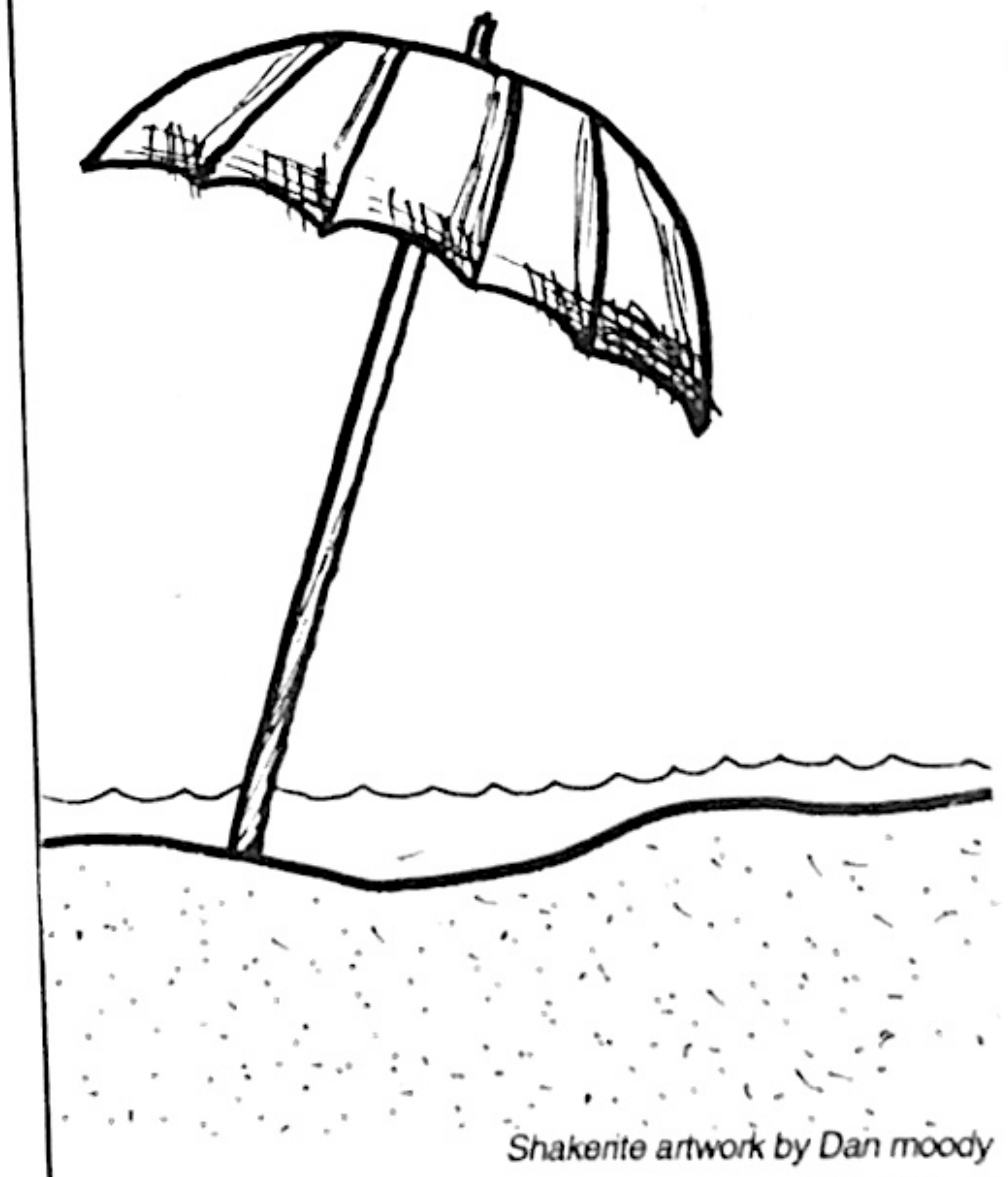
COMING TO AMERICA. Christoph Engel and Mireia Paulo-Noguera will learn the ways of Shaker this year.

What did *YOU* do this summer?

Like every other summer, the past one was a great time for making memories. The students of the high school took part in many fun activities and spontaneous acts. Although at times the boredom was overwhelming, the creative kids of Shaker found many things to bide the little time provided by summer.

"My buddy Laura and I went cow tipping."
- **Julie Smolinski**, sophomore

" I went to Florida with the Cleveland Indians."
- **Erin Sudow,** junior



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"I got hit in the eye with a water balloon when I was on the Magnum."
-Joann Nedrud, sophomore

"One night a bunch of friends and I played capture the flag at Malvern. Guys against girls, the guys whupped, though childish it was great fun!"
-**Gina Lombardo**, sophomore

"I became a great uncle. My nephew (coach Richards) and his wife had a baby boy."

-**Pops**, security guard

"I worked at Geauga Lake and operated rides. It was a lot of fun."
-**Natasha Campbell**, junior

"This summer I worked for the first time. My friends finally had cars so we weren't home a lot and we didnt have to trek it on the bus."
-**Amber Bradford**, sophomore

"I got arrested at Shaker Square for beating up one of Playmatters' stuffed characters and the cop gave me a wedgie."
-**Jason Brazzell** , Freshman

-Quotes compiled by Jesse Griffiths

When Mark McGwire finally broke Roger Maris' single season home run record of 61, he rounded the bases, gave his son a hug and paid his respects to Maris' widow and family. Sammy Sosa, Chicago Cubs right fielder and McGwire's rival in the chase, crept in to the homeplate celebration to congratulate Big Mac with an appreciative hug. Before fans could catch their breath, McGwire broke the record, Sosa tied him, and at press time, Big Mac led once again, 63-62. With all of the selfish, egotistical players in baseball today, you couldn't have picked two classier players to catch Maris.

-Steve Strang

New GPA standard requires 2.0 average for athletes

BY NIKKIE MAJORCZYK

Sports Co-Editor

Shaker athletes are expected to produce on the playing field, but as of Sept. 1, that playing field performance hinges on a 2.0 GPA.

An Ohio House Bill passed last summer contains an amendment requiring all high schools to establish a minimum grade point average for athletic eligibility. The Ohio High School Athletic Association will oversee compliance. The law applies to all athletes in all interscholastic sports.

While the bill requires schools to adopt a minimum GPA, it does not specify any particular average. Each school is to choose its own minimum GPA in accordance with a standard its administration thinks would be adequate and reachable. Shaker has chosen a comparatively high GPA at 2.0, a "C" average. Some schools have set the bar at 1.0 or lower.

"Here at Shaker we strive for academic excellence. Our goal and focus is always on achievement," Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said.

Prior to this law, Shaker athletes had to pass at least four half-credit classes each quarter to remain eligible, meaning that their GPA could be as low as 0.6.

> ***"Here at Shaker we strive for academic excellence."***
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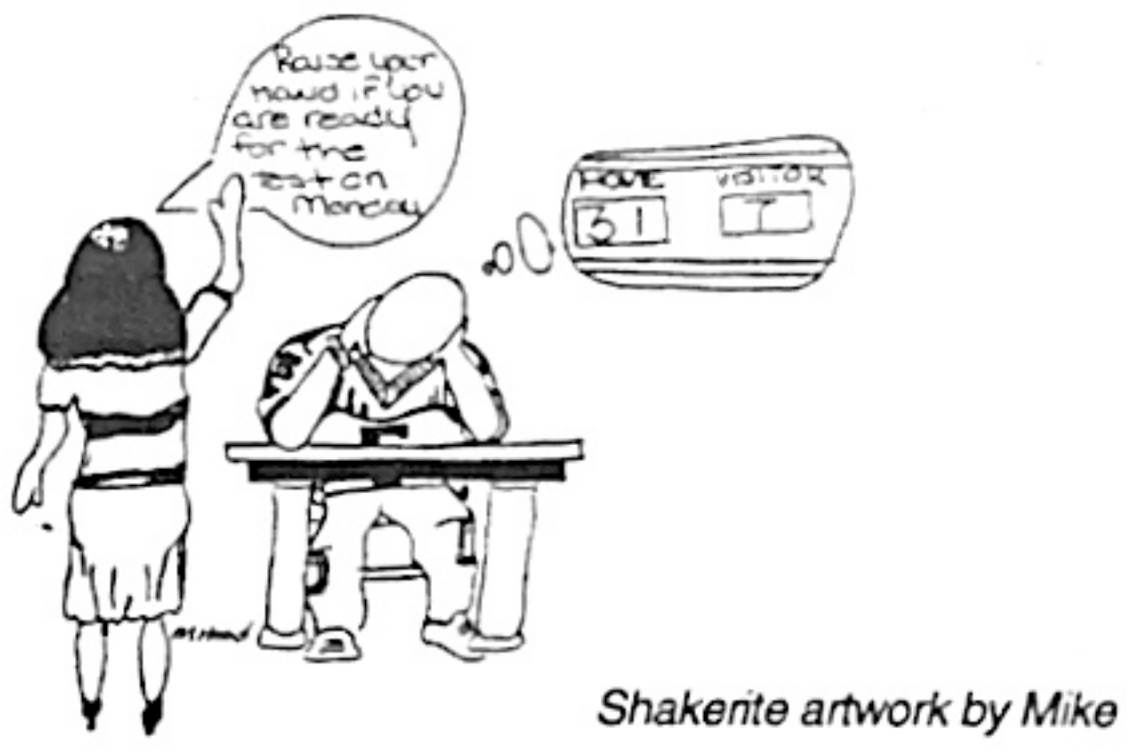
> ***-A. Jack Rumbaugh, principal***

"It's good because anybody who has .6 GPA needs help. You should be able to keep a 2.0 or higher," said junior Nathan Sheperd.

In the student handbook and calendar, a half page explanation clearly states the guidelines to play a sport. A student is to be 'scholastically eligible,'meaning that he or she is to to earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 each grading period.

If not, they are to receive permission to play from Rumbaugh. The policy allows for an academic contract designed to help the student-athlete improve his or her grades. Together with the student, parents and counselors will decide on a "personal academic improvement plan that may include, but is not limited to, tutoring, teacher-student conference, study groups, counseling sessions and any other valuable resources within the school."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Shakerite artwork by Mike Hood

The handbook also says that "credits cannot be made up in summer school to overcome deficiencies at the end of the nine-week grading period."

Though prohibited from playing in contests, athletes under contract can still practice and sit on the bench during games.

"If people are serious about sports, they should be just as serious to reach 2.0 GPA," said junior basketball player Matt Baringer.

Athletic director and football coach Dave Sedmak thinks that there are several reasons that students might **not be excelling in their classes. Such reasons include family problems, emotional traumas or learning disabilities. There are also students who challenge themselves** with honors or advanced placement classes.

"Some choose to take honors or AP classes rather than take the easy grade in a CP or general class," Sedmak said

The high school has adopted this policy as of this month, but it has not been officially approved by the school board, though Sedmak fully expects it to pass.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," said Academic Administrator Mary Lynne McGovern.

The school plans on keeping track of student-athletes' GPAs on a quarterly basis. Aside from the school looking out for the students' grades, their coaches are keeping an eye out for them as well.

"We monitor every kid who falls into this [below 2.0 GPA], and there are consequences for those who don't do their homework," Sedmak said.

Students seeking extra help after school will be given passes to their practices and are to be admitted regardless of how late they might arrive.

Because it was so low, the GPA requirement was never an issue before. However, according to Rumbaugh, few Shaker athletes fell short of the 2.0 mark.

"The expectations are too low for the student athlete. They deserve to have higher expectations academically," McGovern said. "We are doing them a favor because not all of them will be receiving scholarships, and with this requirement it will give the student a greater opportunity," she said.

So far no serious protest to the new law has emerged. In fact, many student-athletes feel that the law is justified and that they aren't affected by it.

"The student-athlete should be a model student. He is seen throughout the school and is looked at as a role model to younger Shaker students," Baringer said.

Students feel that the new GPA is reachable, and teachers agreee that it shouldn't be a problem.

"A 2.0 is reasonable, and if it's not able to be reached, then the time should be spent studying," said science teacher Paul Repasy, who coaches football.

The policy applies not only to student athletes, but also to any school activity that involves competition. Other activities included in GPA requirement are chess, speech and debate and music competitions.

Brown and Sedmak named new athletic directors

Visitors to the athletics office are greeted by two familiar faces in new jobs.

Football coach Dave Sedmak and volleyball and basketball coach Susan Brown have assumed primary duties as athletic directors.

They replaced Joe Katzenstein and Jerry Masteller, both retired, and Jill Allen, who is taking a year off to be with her children.

"I'm very excited about this new job, and I'm looking forward to the new challenges," Brown said.

Last year, Brown taught four gym classes in addition to her coaching duties. In order to accomodate the demands of AD work, she resigned from the volleyball position and teaches only one gym class.

Not only do Sedmak and Brown have new titles, but they also have added responsibilities to the teams.

"I have to worry about things like students having their physicals and medical cards in, being eligible, and also the facilities, transportation and officials for all sports," said Sedmak, who still teaches one social studies class.

Sedmak and Brown are working to produce a yea rbetter than ever.

"Last year was so great that we're trying to keep things status quo," Sedmak said. "Things went pretty smoothly, and I'm just trying to ease into this position."

-Chuck Sackman

Higgin's knee injury wounds basketball team's chances

Thousands of miles away, months before Raider fans turned their focus to basketball, Shaker encountered the first obstacle en route to the state championship.

Senior guard Jon Higgins tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee this summer while playing basketball in California. In this one instant, the team lost its finest player, making success that much harder to achieve.

"He's the number one senior in the state. It's obviously a big loss," said head coach Bob Wonson. "Last year as a junior he had a tremendous input on the court and was vital to our success. But we still have a very good team, and the season looks promising."

Higgins, sought after by major Division I programs such as Kansas, agrees that the team will have a good year, but wishes he could start the season with them.

"They'll still be really good, but I'm disappointed I can't contribute. Who wouldn't, his senior year? I didn't really have any personal goals for the season. I just wanted to win as a team and get to the state championships," Higgins said.

He has not, however, given up hope of returning this year.

"My first thoughts were that the doctors were wrong, I felt I could come back, and I still believe I can. My goal is to return by early February," he said.

Higgins plans to return for five regular season games and the playoffs

"Jon is one of the finest young men, both on and off the court, that I've coached here in my 14 years. Clearly it would be great to have him back, but we're prepared to play without him," Wonson said.

-Ethan Zinn

RED RAIDER WRAP-UP

Women's Volleyball

Record: 4-3

Next Game: September 20 vs. Elyria

Football

Record: 2-0

Next Game: September 19 vs. Garfield Heights

Women's Soccer

Record: 4-0-1

Next Game: September 19 vs. Valley Forge

Men's Soccer

Record: 4-0-1

Next Game: September 23 vs. Cleveland Heights

Women's Cross Country

Placed well in all invitationals

Next Game: September 19 vs. VASJ Invitational

Men's Cross Country

Senior Josiah Quarles set course record at Garfield

Next Game: September 19 vs. VASJ Invitational

Golf

Record: 8-8

Next Game: September 22 vs. Garfield Heights

Women's Tennis

Record: 11-5

Next Game: September 19 vs. Solon doubles

Field Hockey

Record: 1-2-1

Next Game: September 27 vs. Stow

Former Shaker star shines over Columbus

BY DANNY GEORGE
Sports Co-Editor

After plunging into an imaginary endzone during a childhood game of dynoman, a young Nate Clements would raise a lone finger into the brisk autumn sky.

Standing tall,with a celestial, confident aura about him, it seemed as if he was silently proclaiming to the football gods his dream to be no. 1.

Countless touchdowns and innumerable pad-rattling hits later, Nate's dream is coming alive.

After signing a national letter of intent with Ohio State last fall, Nate Clements found himself not only headed for Columbus, the Emerald City of college football, but eventually on the consensus no.1 team in America, the Ohio State Buckeyes.

With an all-America caliber player at nearly every position and 18 of 21 starters back from last year, Nate and the Buckeyes are primed to have one of the most special seasons in OSU history.

"Sure we're no. 1," said Buckeye head coach John Cooper, who in his tenure at OSU has been bashed more than the screenwriter of *Showgirls,* "But we have to earn it, and the talent is definitely there."

Clements joins the talent-saturated OSU defense, a group so fierce , fast and swarming, they've earned the nickname of "Silver Bullets."

The "Bullets" are handled by fiery, blitz-crazy, coordinator Fred Pagac, a man who bleeds scarlet and gray, and is headlined by future no. 1 draft picks, Andy Katzenmoyer, Antoine Winfield and Damon Moore.

Clements will look to split time with last year's starting cornerback, Ahmed Plummer, and may be asked to return kicks for the Buckeyes.

Shaker fans will remember that putting the ball in Clements' hands is like giving Mark McGwire a metal bat – very dangerous.

> ***"Nate's really looking good . . . he's jumped out . . ."***
> ***-Coach John Cooper***

Clements has already made his impression on the coaching staff. On the Ohio State web site, *The O-Zone,* Coach Cooper said, "Nate Clements is really looking good. He's doing a good job in man to man coverage . . . he's jumped out pretty much."

His pre-season efforts were rewarded last week when the Bucks crushed MAC foe Toledo. Clements scored second-half time, returning punts, playing corner and putting Shaker Heights on the ESPN map.

While Nate and the rest of the Buckeye defense is busy stuffing the run and containing the pass, the offense, led by All-Big Ten QB Joe Germaine, will march the team across the field.

Featuring lightning-quick tailback Michael Wiley and four returning "Big Uglies" up front controlling the line of scrimmage, the Buckeye offense will wear down opponents. Utilizing the accurate arm of Germaine, along with speedy receivers Dee Miller and David Boston, the Buckeyes will boast a superior all-around attack.

With the prospect of a scarlet and gray fall, TV networks have pencilled in Ohio State as the nationally featured game almost every week through November. People in Alaska, much less Shaker, will watch Nate and the Buckeyes on their quest to reach the Alliance Fiesta Bowl.

According to his brother, Jermaine, Clements is having a blast juggling all the expectations of the Ohio State program.

"Nate's doing a good job down at OSU. He'll probably get some PT and he's just liking everything about the team. He really likes being no.1 in America," Jermaine said.

Take a good look at Nate Clements. The next time you see him, his helmet may be covered in Buckeye leaves.

Perpetual practice makes perfect

Athletes train at camps and intramural leagues druing the off season

BY ALEX KOLB
Staff Reporter

Last year alone, Shaker athletic teams brought 11 Lake Erie League titles home to Aldersyde Drive.

"Welcome to Shaker Heights" signs that adorn the city's perimeter boast about the accomplished women's field hockey program, which has regularly excelled in both local and state competition.

The men's lacrosse team has finished among the top three teams in its division for the past three years.

Men's tennis was once again prominent in Ohio, placing second in the state last year.

The list goes on.

You might think it's something in the water, right? Or nutritional supplements in the cafeteria food?

Would that it were so simple.

It takes more than daily team practices or magical water to maintain such consistent, excellent performance.

The reality of scholastic athletics today dictates that Shaker athletes train as long and as intensely – if not more – during the off season as they do during their seasons.

Few if any individuals of teams dominate high school competition today without training virtually all year long. Raider athletes spend their money and their summers on sports camps and intramural leagues that they hope will provide an edge when the season finally rolls around.

Colleges such as Cornell and Penn State attract women's field hockey and lacrosse athletes. For a week they do nothing more than practice. Some camps offer one-on-one sessions with instructors, who usually play for the respective college. However, in most cases group lessons are followed by scrimmages. Participants learn new moves, hints and dodges.

Sophomore Meredith Edwards went to the University of Michigan field hockey camp.

"It wasn't a fun camp, but it did help improve my skills," Edwards said.

Men's lacrosse players also spend their summers at camps. Junior Adam Moore went to Cornell University lacrosse camp.

"I think it helps you," Moore said. "You improve so much because you play people from other states who are so much better than you," he said.

Senior Matt Wilson went to a top 205 camp that showcases the best players in high school lacrosse around the country.

"You wouldn't believe how much it helps your skill," Wilson said.

Tennis players also have the opportunity to travel in order to better their skills, though many choose to stay close to home. Oberlin tennis camp as well as Wooster tennis camp attract both male and female players from Shaker.

Both tennis camps offer the option of a week of instruction, in small groups and on a one-to-one basis. A week-long tournament where tennis players compete against players of the same sex and age for a trophy.

Sophomore Katie Reader has gone to Oberlin the last two summers.

"The tennis experience helped me a lot," Reader said.

Athletes say camps help not only by providing a head start on the season, but they also improve confidence. That confidence helps the athletes become team leaders once they return to Shaker.

These camps do come with a price tag. Lacrosse and field hockey camps can cost between $500 and $1000 for the week. Tennis camps tend to fall around $500 as well.

There is another option to these pricey camps. Independent organizations such as Shaker Recreation offer a few local camps. The low-budget alternative lacks the expertise of Division I college athletes but makes up for it with the savings. These camps tend to cost about $100-$150.

Top Gun lacrosse camp operates independently at Shaker Middle School. Alumnus junior Marty Calabrese speaks well of it.

"When I was just learning to play, it helped me to get the fundamentals down. Once you have a strong foundation, you can get better," Calabrese said.

Junior Matt Shenk and senior Steve Strang worked at the Shaker Recreation ice hockey camp. This summer camp targeted younger players primarily.

Besides summer camps, Shaker athletes participate in various intramural leagues during the off season.

Soccer players play indoors after the regular season. Male and female athletes participate. There is no coaching or practice, only games. Junior Mike Thomas has participated in the past.

"It's a lot of fun, but it doesn't really help you improve. You don't even have to go, so if you have homework you can just forget about it if you want," Thomas said.

Men's and women's lacrosse players also have the opportunity to play intramurally. Saturday mornings in Twinsburg, men's players play box lacrosse — an indoor program that lasts from November through February and culminates in a tournament.

"It gets you ready for the season. You build up your endurance and become more outgoing and aggressive. When the season rolls around, you're ready to win," junior Richard Rund said.

The intramural leagues usually cost less than $100. They allow players to play against others of varying abilities from other schools. Players are not filtered into different groups by their ability.

For most Shaker athletes, being their best is the the most important thing. This is evident every time you see a group of guys running in February, or girls lifting weights in the weight room after school. If it means helping the team, then they are willing to spend their summer working up a sweat at a camp, or their Saturday mornings running in an indoor arena.

Football is all in the family once again

Like Archie Griffin, Jr., Greg Pruitt Jr. joins ranks of second-generation running backs

Every two-a-day summer, a new batch of freshman talent arrives on every high school gridiron.

In August, a freshman with exceptional potential stepped onto the field and brought yet another generation of gifts to the Shaker Raiders.

Freshman tailback Greg Pruitt Jr. is the son of former Browns superstar Greg Pruitt Sr.

"He has a lot of potential as a running back," said head football coach Dave Sedmak.

The young Pruitt is enjoying the time spent with the varsity, especially being part of a team with such high aspirations for their season.

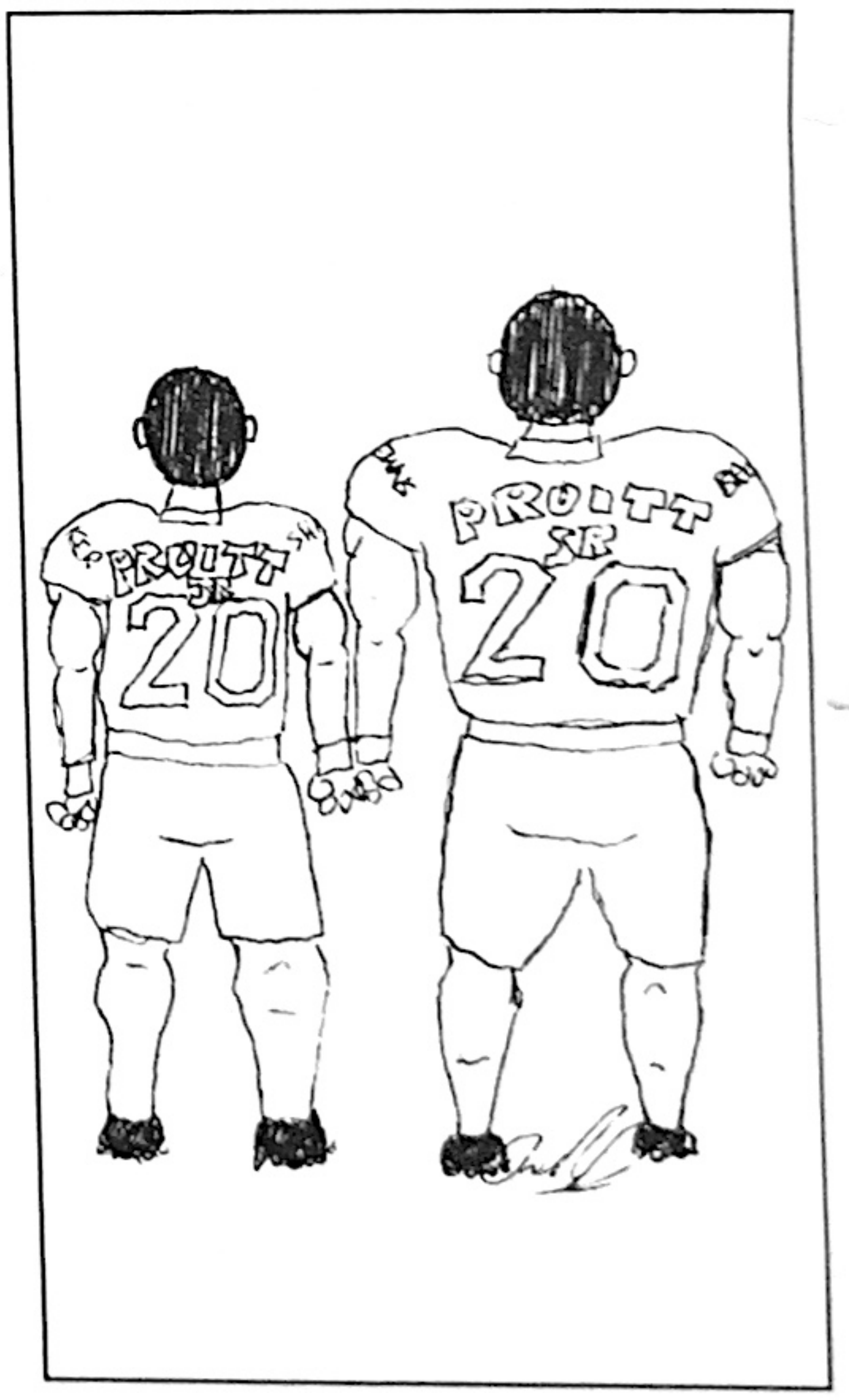
"It's real exciting. I'm having a lot of fun being on this team," Pruitt said.

As for his father's NFL experience, Pruitt says his dad has been helping him along the way.

"My dad's taught me a few things but I wanna be my own player," he said.

Sedmak will attest to the benefits of lessons from a father who was also a pro.

"I think his dad has really showed him the important things, like how to take coaching and how to listen."



Volleyball squad sets up for season with new coach

BY MEGHAN DUBYAK
Staff Reporter

As the season begins, the Shaker women's volleyball team hopes to replicate last year's impressive showing.

"It's almost a completely new team this year, and we have a big reputation to live up to," junior Jenna Sickbert said.

The Raiders also have a new coaching staff. Head coach Susan Brown resigned her position to make room in her day for athletic director duties. Stacey Bonjini replaces Brown as head coach.

"Being promoted to this job meant that there would be no way for me to coach two sports," said Brown, who also coaches women's basketball.

> ***"All I can promise is that we'll try our best and have fun doing it."***
>
> ***-Jenna Sickbert, junior***

Living up to last year's effort will be tough for a rebuilding squad.

"Last year we graduated eight seniors. That is a tremendous transition for any coach. This year we will be in more of a rebuilding stage," Brown said.

Although Brown regrets having to resign, she is reassured by the 1998 coaching staff.

"I would never have resigned unless Coach Bonjini was going to be coach. I feel very confident in her coaching abilities," Brown said.

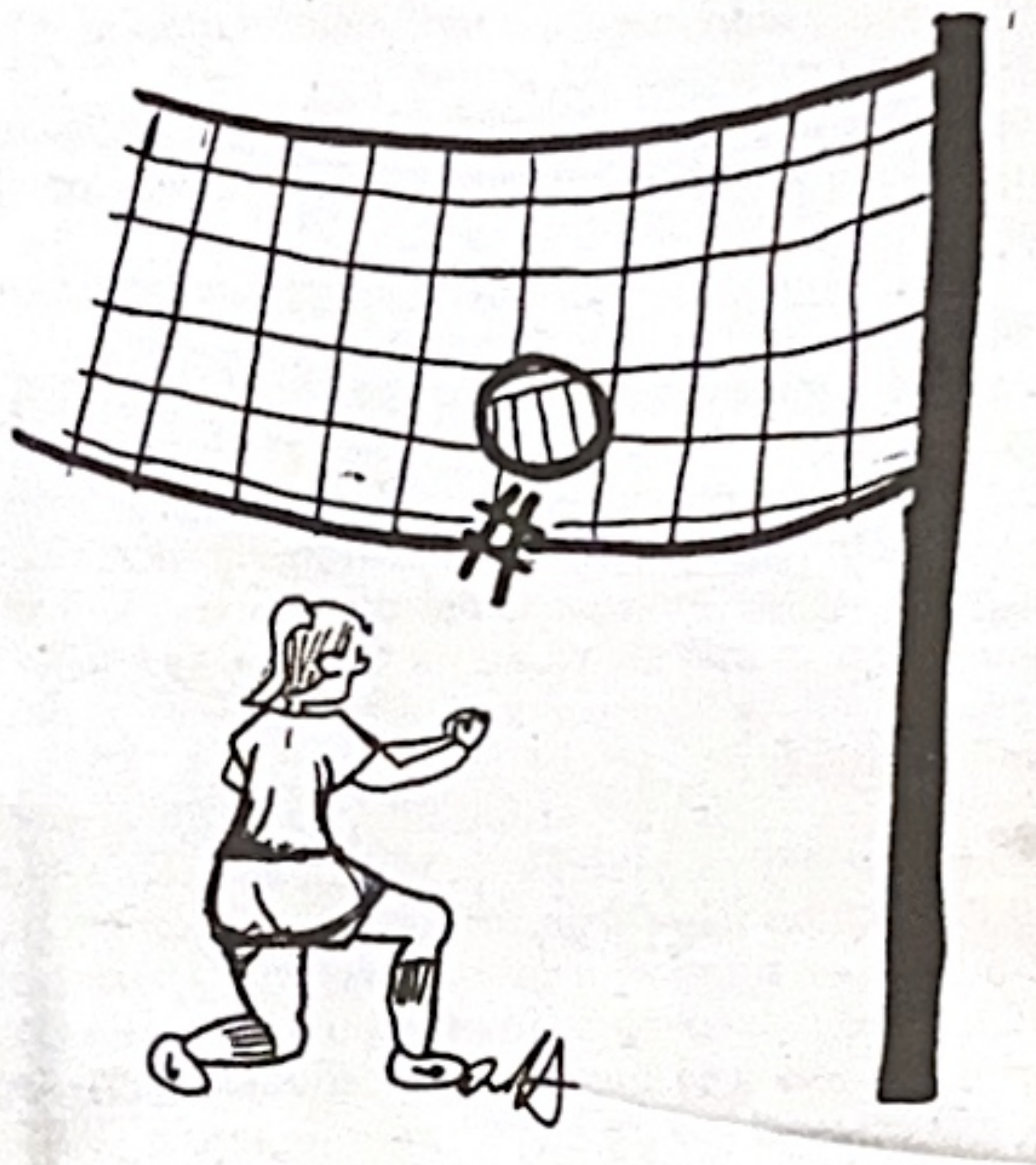
Megan Alix replaced Bonjini as assistant coach, and Sue Trizzino remains junior varsity coach. Stephanie Fox was added as freshman coach.

The volleyball team also faces a change in competition, as Shaker has moved up to the Lake division from the Erie division of the Lake Erie League.

"A major change is that our school has moved up to the big school division," sophomore Erin Riley said.

Despite the graduation of eight players and change in coaching staff and division, the team is ready for the new season.

"All I can promise is that we'll try our best and have fun doing it," Sickbert said.



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Shaker Blvd. Browns

Lerner passes credit check, buys team

BY DANNY GEORGE
Sports Co-Editor

Hundreds of purchases were made by residents of Shaker Heights on a tranquil, ordinary Sept. 8.

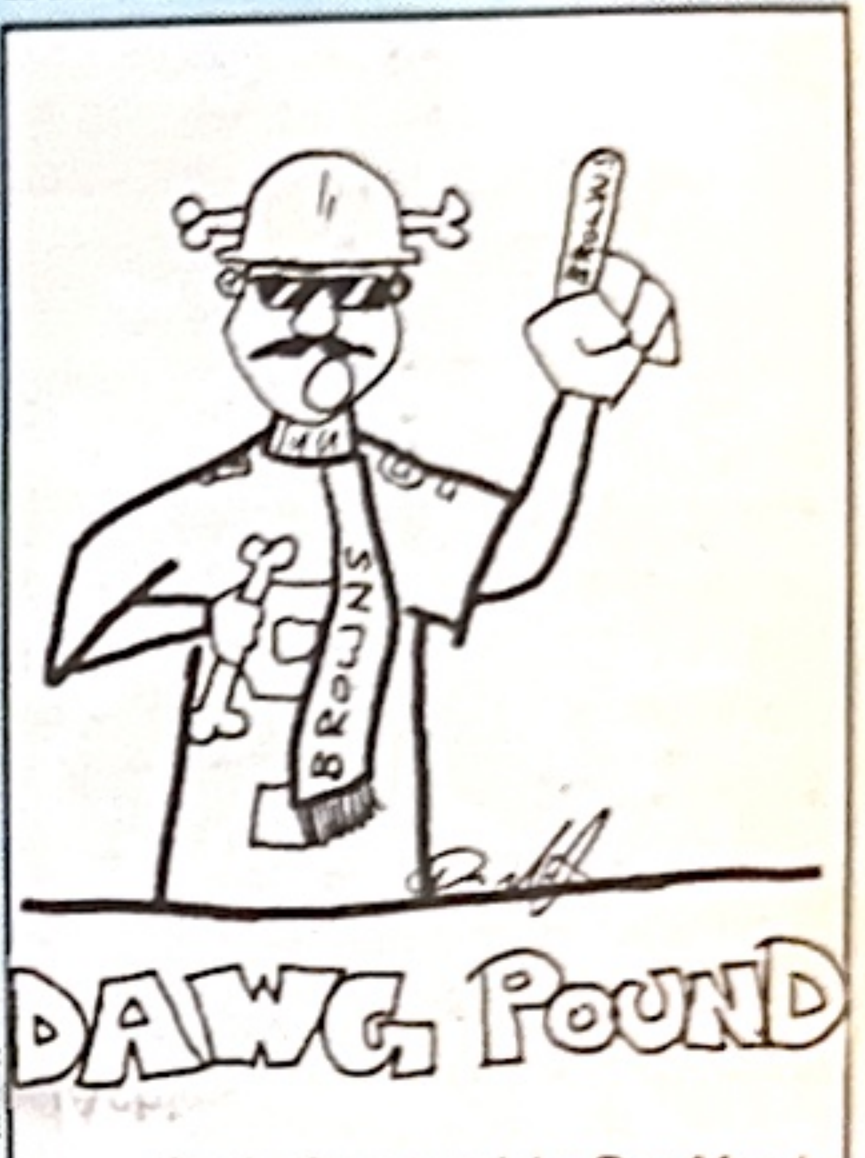
A $6 hammer was bought at the county hardware store, a package of creme-filled Twinkees were obtained for $.89 and, oh yeah, one guy bought the Cleveland Browns franchise for $530 million.

Al Lerner, MBNA tycoon who makes his home on Shaker Boulevard, recently handed over the purchase price to the NFL, flanked by ex-49ers executive Carmen Policy and former Browns quarterback, Bernie Kosar.

Lerner, a relic from the Art Modell ownership, has already announced that Cleveland's traditional brown and orange uniforms will remain, telling the Associated Press, "I liked [the uniforms] fine how they used to be."

Although skeptical of Lerner's Modell ties, Browns fans are excited by the deal. Ticket sales are soaring, and brown and orange morale is ascending at an astonishing rate.

Right now the only talk of Ravens concerns the ones roosting in the landfill behind New Cleveland Municipal Stadium.



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RAIDERS OF THE MONTH

DEJA LEWIS - SOCCER

Name: Deja Lewis

Year: '99

Achievement: Through September 14, Lewis has racked up a total of six goals in five games, including three in the season opener, to lead the Raiders to a 4-0-1 start.

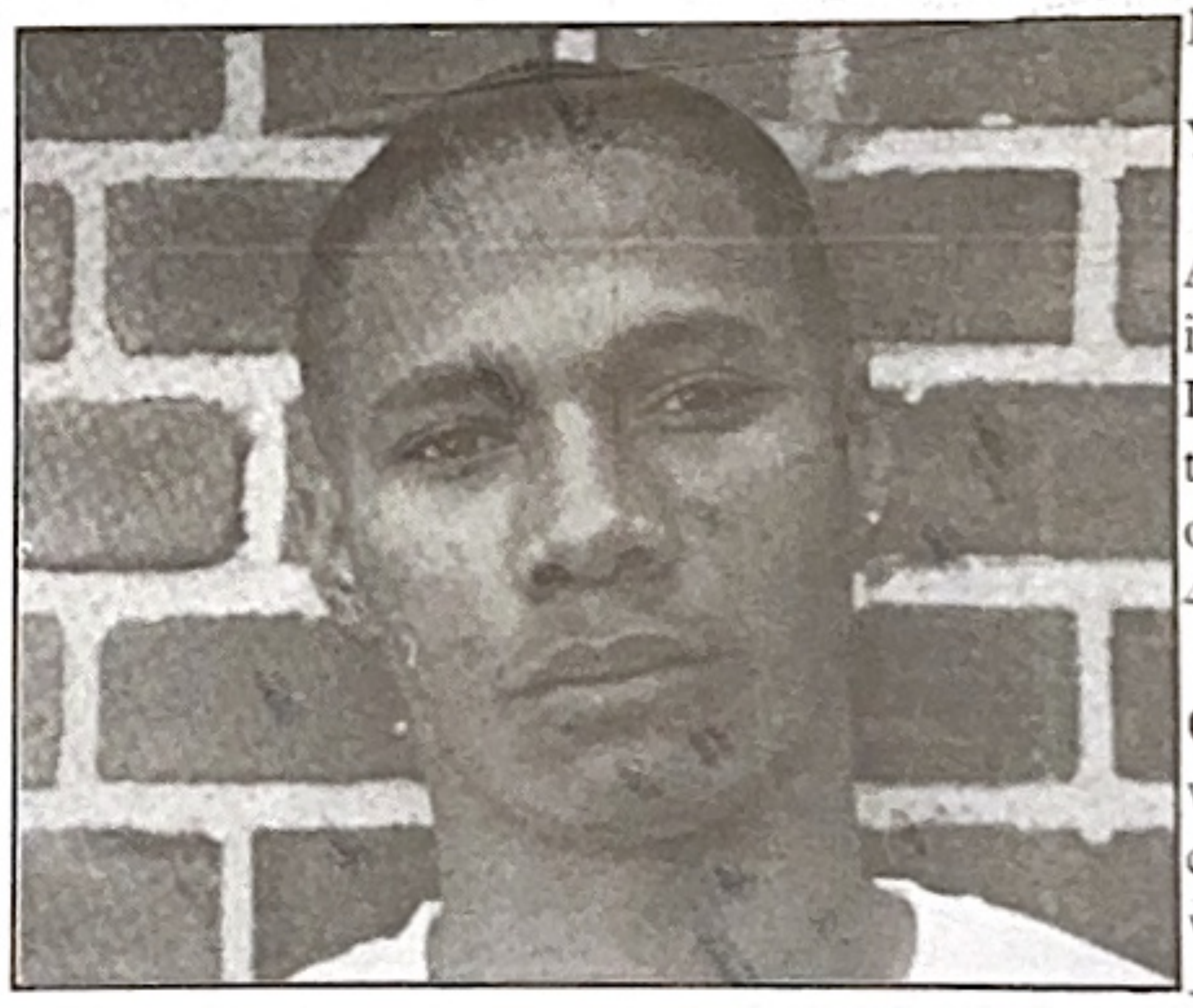
Coach's Critique: "Deja is one of our most skilled players. She is a great team leader and an excellent scorer."
-Rob Bricker

Favorite Sports Memory: "Back in my sophomore year, we were playing Cleveland Heights and it was a really big game. We were tied at the end of regulation and we had a shootout. I hit the winning goal in the shootout and we beat Heights."

Future Plans: Lewis said she to continue playing in college. Her first priority is to attend either Michigan or Georgetown and major in buisness. Lewis hopes to one day be a CEO of a fortune 500 company.

Final Commentary: Lewis is a gifted athlete with a good head on her shoulders. She has set lofty goals for herself and for her team, and will continue to pursue them with grit and determination.

TIM REESE-FOOTBALL



Name: Tim Reese

Year: '99

Achievement: Led football team in drubbings of Shaw and Brush. Intercepted, ran and threw for a touchdown in 55-0 defeat of LEL opponent Shaw, and stood out in 44-0 blowout of Brush.

Coach's Critque: "Tim has done well for us so far. He has a chance to be the best quarterback we've ever had."
-Dave Sedmak

Favorite Sports Memory: "Way back in 1994, in the Cleveland rec basketball league, I hit the game-winning shot with 10 seconds left in the championship game, and my team won the title."

Future Plans: Reese is drawing intrest from schools such as Buffalo University (College of former teammate Aaron McMickle) and The University of Akron and plans on playing football in college.

Final Commentary: Reese, who is commandeering the no. 3 team in the area, has an accurate arm and athleticism on both sides of the ball.

Erie division welcomes Shaker

NIKKIE MAJORCZYK
Sports Co- Editor

Moving from the Erie division to the Lake division has put the Shaker in the big leagues . . . literally.

This fall marked the arrival of the Raiders in the Lake Erie League's Lake division, home to the larger-schools of the Cleveland suburbs. Lake division schools' greater enrollments generally produce more competitive teams than those of smaller league members.

Raider football will notice a profound effect. The switch has put Shaker in the midst of a division that includes perennial powers Euclid and Lakewood as well as upstart Cleveland Heights. Other Lake division teams are Mentor, Valley Forge, Shaw and Elyria. .

Head coach Dave Sedmak believes that the change will be beneficial to the team's play.

"We have the potential do do well, but it's up to the individual on how they perceive [the change]," Sedmak said.

The change in division will introduce new rivalries while alleviating old ones. The new schedule has no room for games against privste schools.

The rivalry with Cleveland Heights will remain strong as ever, but the football team, for instance, will not face St. Edward this year because contracts with Erie division schools such as Brush are still in effect.

Sedmak said the team looks forward to new competition with teams like Euclid, whom they defeated last year in the playoffs, and Lakewood, the perennial LEL champion.

Officals from across the league have mixed feelings about the realignment.

"We are very happy Shaker is in the large school division with us," said Spencer Kain, Euclid athletic director. "We look forward to competing both athletically and scholastically," Kain said.

Others are not sorry to see the red and white leave.

"Without Shaker in the league, we have a better chance of winning the title," said Kevin Heartman, Garfield athletic director.